RG 104 RECORDS OF THE NEW ORLEANS, LA BRANCH MINT AND ASSAY OFFICE, 1840-1942

. FAIR COPIES OF LETTERS SENT BY SUPERINTENDENT AND CHIEF CLERK, JULY 5, 1878—APRIL 23, 1879

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Letters Sent by New Orleans Mint
July 5, 1878 – April 15, 1879

Fair copies of letters sent by the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint to the Director of the Mint, Washington D.C., and others.

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The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans, La.
July 5th 1878.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter, of the 1st inst, relative to the bonds and oaths of office, of Assayer, and Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at this place, have been duly received.

Both these officers have been notified with regard to this matter, and expect to be qualified on Monday next, the 8th inst. The documents will be immediately forwarded to your office.

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Supt Mint, N. O.

The Mint of the United States,
at New Orleans, La.
July 6th, 1878.

Hon H. R Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor, of the 1st inst, containing information and instruction relative to the nomination and appointment of Officers in this Mint.

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Supt U. S. Mint, N. O.

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The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La.,
July 6th, 1878.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I sent you a short telegram on the 2nd inst, stating that I had seen the U. S. District Attorney and the Mayor of this city, with regard to the deed of the Mint property. On a careful reading of the ordinance adopted by the city council, in April last, I pronounced it insufficient and informal in language, and not in accordance with the subsequent requirement of Congress. The District Attorney agreed with me and, at the suggestion of the Mayor, we drew up a new ordinance more fully covering the case, which ordi I submitted to the Mayor with a request the city council be asked to pass the same as soon as possible. Our City Council does not hold another regular meeting until next tuesday, and for the reason that this is an important matter and for the additional reason that according to the letter of the District Attorney, to the Director of the Treasury Department, dated 1st inst, it will be necessary for the Department to authorize some one person to accept the deed from the City, it was thought useless to call an earlier or extra session. I am in hopes the ordinances will pass on Tuesday, and that no delay will be allowed in sending the proper authority to appear and act for the United States, in the deed according to the requisites of

our local laws.

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Supt N. O. Mint.

The Mint of the United States,
at New Orleans, La.
July 8th 1878.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have made the following appointment of persons to serve in this Mint, and respectfully request your favorable action and confirmation, to wit.

I Mrs. Clementina Chan, of Georgia, as adjuster, at a salary of $1.75 per day, and request that she may be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia to familiarise herself with the duties of adjusting blanks &c

She is highly recommended by Messrs Jos Seligman, Alex H. Stevens, A Eichloff, J. B. Gordon, A. S. Hewitt and others,

II Nicholas Dawson of Virginia to be weigher at a salary of four dollars, $4.00 per day, to be assigned to duty at the Philadelphia Mint, to familiarise himself with the weighing of bullion &c

He is highly recommended by Senator Lamar and others.

III Frederick K Jones of Ohio, as first melter, at a salary of four dollars, $4.00 per day, to be assigned for duty at the Philadelphia Mint. to familiarise himself with the duties of his position.

Respectfully
Michael Hahn
Supt N. O. Mint.

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The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans. La.
July 11th 1878.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I find an entire absence of blanks, forms, stationery &c which will be needed in the transaction of the business of this office. In the absence of the coiner Dr. Bonzano, I am unable to specify the particular articles which will be required, but trust the Director of the Mint, will send a supply of those in general use. Also please send instructions with reference to books as I am in doubt whether they will be furnished from Washington, or have to be furnished here, As the City Council of New Orleans has just promptly and unanimously adopted an ordinance directing the Mayor to execute to the United States a quit-claim Deed to the Citys' title to the property on which the Mint is situated, according to law, I expect to be ready for the transaction of such business as requires immediate attention, as the fitting up offices &c in a day or two.

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Supt of the Mint N. O.

The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans. La.
July 11th 1878.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

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Sir;

I have this day appointed, and now submit for your confirmation, Thomas L. Tracey, of New Orleans, La, as Chief Clerk, of the Mint at this place, at a salary of two thousand dollars ($2000.00) per annum, according to the appropriations made for the New Orleans Mint, under the Bill approved June 9th 1876.

I enclose you his bond signed by John W. Fairfax and Wright R. Fish. both of this City, as sureties, and which bond I approve, I also enclose the affidavit of solvency made by the sureties and T. L. Tracey's official oath.

W. T. Tracey is an old citizen of New Orleans, has held several positions of honor, such as Director of Public Schools, has been editor of a prominent periodical in this city, is a man of respectability, integrity and ability, and besides being personally well known to me, is highly recommended for this position by some of our best and most prominent citizens.

Respectfully,

Michael Hahn.

Supt Mint. N.O.

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The Mint of the United States,
at New Orleans, La.
July 18th, 1878.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir: I hereby nominate and submit for your approval Mr. Elias. R. Levy, of Washington, D. C. as computing Clerk for this Mint, at a compensation of three dollars ($3.00) per day, to be paid out of the appropriation of $157,000. in the act approved June 19th 1878. and I respectfully ask that he may be temporarily assigned to duty in the Philadelphia Mint, to familiarise himself with the duties of his position.

Respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Supt Mint. N.O.

The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans, La.
July 23rd, 1878.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir: I enclose herewith Official Bond of Thomas G. Tracey, Chief Clerk of this Mint, which he has executed according to instructions contained in your letter of the 15th inst.

Respectfully.
(signed) Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans, La.
July 22nd 1878.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir: I enclose herewith to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury
1 Requisition for Postage Stamps.
2, Report of Stamps received from Assayers late in charge.
3 Requisition for Blanks.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La,
July 22nd 1878.

Sir:

Please send a supply of blanks. Requisitions for Postage Stamps, my supply is entirely exhausted.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington,
D. C.

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The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La.,
July 22nd, 1878.

Sir:

I have received the enclosed copies of blank forms from Mr. F. Bonzano, late Assayer in charge, who informs me a supply of each, is needed. Please send as many as may be necessary for the quarter ending, Sept 30th, 1878.

Very Respectfully,
(signed) Michael Hahn.
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

The Mint of the United States
At New Orleans, La.
July 24th, 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith oaths of office as follows,
Conrad Schmidt, workman in the coining Department,
Louis Leclerk workman in the coining Department
Their appointments were mailed yesterday.

Very Respectfully,
(signed) Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D. C.

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The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La,
July 22nd, 1878.

Sir:

I have upon the written request of Mr. Samuel Weeks, the Melter and Refiner, appointed Thomas Friedermann to be Foreman of the Melting and Refining Department of this Mint at a compensation of $2100. a year, and respectfully ask your approval.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Michael Hahn
Superintendent

Hon R. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

No. 1.

Report of Official Postage Stamps used and on hand.

U. S. Mint,
At New Orleans, La.
July 22nd, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to make the following report of Official Postage Stamps received from Mr. F. Bonzano late Assayer in charge.

One cent Stamps	150.	Value	$ 1.50.
Two cent Stamps	80.	"	1.60.
Three cent Stamps	60.	"	1.80.
Fifteen cent Stamps	35.	"	5.25
Twenty four cent Stamps	50.	"	12.00
	375.		$ 22.15

Very Respectfully
Michael Hahn
Supt Mint N.O.

To the Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D. C.

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The Mint of the United States.
At New Orleans. La.
July 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed on the request in writing, of Jas Albrecht-Assayer the following persons to the positions named in the Mint and respectfully ask your approval

R. B. Harrison assistant-Assayer, on trial, at a salary of four dollars per day, to date from the 1st inst.

Geo G. Conners Assayers Clerk, on trial, at two dollars and twenty five cents, ($2,25) pr day, to date from the time he reports for duty here.

Very Respectfully,
(signed) Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La,
July 23rd 1878,

Sir: I have appointed on the request in writing of M. F. Bonzano, Coiner, the following persons named, and respectfully ask your approval,

Louis Leclerc (weigh room)		per day	$3.00.
Ange Palms	Machinist	" "	" 3.00.
Conrad Schmidt	do	" "	" 3.00.
A. J. Redmond	Laborer	" "	" 2.50.

Very Respectfully
signed Michael Hahn
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Washington D. C.

The Mint of the United States.
at New Orleans, La.
July 24th, 1878.

Sir:

I enclose a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for certain articles of stationery for the use of this Mint for the quarter ending Sept 30th 1878. and respectfully ask you to forward the same.

Very Respectfully
(signed) Michael Hahn
Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

The Mint of the United States.
at New Orleans. La.
July 24th 1878.

Sir:

Please send to the Mint of New Orleans, La. the following articles of Stationery.

5000. Letter headings, per sample enclosed.
2000. Official Envelopes, per sample enclosed
12. Doz. A. W. Fabers' black pencils, No 2. Soft
2000. Official Envelopes. letter size.
2 Doz. A. W. Fabers' pencils red and blue.
1 Gross Goodyears Rubber Bands, 1/4 in B.
3 Gross Do assorted sizes.
1 Box 1 Bank Pins.
6 " Estabrook Steel Pens. No 1.
6 Doz Penholders.
6 Bottles Fluid Writing Ink (Arnolds)
6 Do Mucilage.
1/2 Doz Paper Cutters.

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2 " Letter Files. (Folders)
1/2 Doz Bottles Carmine Ink.
3 Rolls Red Tape.
1 Doz balls Wrapping Twine.
1 " Faber's Pen and Ink Erasers
1 " Sponge Cups
1 " Ink Stands
1 " Mucilage bottles and brushes
1/2 " Hard Rubber Rulers.
1/2 " Paper Shears
1/2 " Desk Knives
1/2 " Erasers (Ivory & Gal)
1 " Copying brushes
1 " " Books
2 " " Books (Letter size)
1/2 " " " (Fools cap)
50 Sheets Blotting Boards.
50 " Copying do.
4 Copying Presses
2 Brass Paper Fasteners.

(address and signature omitted)

The Mint of the United States,
At New Orleans, La.
July 22nd. 1878.

To the.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sir; Please make a requisition on the Secty. of the Treasury in my favor, as Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, for the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($37.250) to meet expenditures for the quarter ending Sept 30th. 1878. on account of the following

appropriations, made for the support of this
Institution for the fiscal year ending June 30th
1879. and which I am to be charged and held
accountable under my bond. dated June 24th, 1878,

Salaries U. S. Mint at	$ 5,252.
Wages of Workmen, U.S. Mint,	" 14,500.
Contingent Expenses U. S. Mint	" 7,500.
Repairs of Machinery	" 10,000.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Supt Mint N.O.

The Mint of the United States.
at New Orleans, La.
July 23rd 1878.

To the
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

Sir: Please make a requisition on the Secty. of the Treasury in my favor as superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, La. for the sum of Nine hundred and nine dollars, and fifty cents to meet expenditures for the month ending June 30th 1878. on account of the following appropriations made for the support of this Institution for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878. with which I am to be charged and held responsible under my bond, dated June 24th 1878.

Salaries U. S. Mint at New Orleans. La.	$ 37.080.
Wages of Workmen U. S. Mint	" 23.875.
Contingent Expenses U. S. Mint	" 30.000.
	$ 90.955.

Very Respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent.

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July 27th " 8.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your approval, the following appointments, which I have made for this Mint.

Thomas Murray, laborer, pr day $3,00.
Henry Weber, night watchman " " 2.00 "
Isaac Bates laborer " 2.00 "

Both Murray and Bates are temporarily detailed for general services in the Superintendents Department as I have not, for economical reasons, yet made regular appointments of Porter and Messenger, The Oaths of Office of the above appointees are enclosed.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

July 27th " 8.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your approval the following appointments of Officers for the Mint, Authorized by Act of Congress (Public No 135) Approved June 19th 1878.

William A Mues Cashier Salary per year $2,000.
Aurelius Parker, Book Keeper " " " 1,600.

W. A. Mues is a native of this city; son of an old cotton merchant (now deceased) and has been employed for many years in the responsible position of purchasing clerk, in one of the largest Cotton houses in this city. He is recommended by A Baldwin, Esq. President of the New Orleans National Bank, (designated depository of the

United States) and also by some of the best commercial houses in New Orleans, I recommend that the Salary of Mr. Maes, begin with the date of his oath of Office, 27th inst.

Mr. Aurelius Parker has been a member of the Mississippi Legislature, and Sheriff and Tax Collector in that State. He has a fair record and is recommended by the leading public men of this State. I deem his appointment a recognition of the claims of the neighboring State of Mississippi, in the organization of this Institution. I recommend that Mr. Parkers' salary begin from the date of his oath of office, and that he be detailed temporarily to the Philadelphia Mint for the purpose of instruction in the manner of bookkeeping in that Institution.

The bonds, qualifications of sureties and oaths of office of Messrs Maes and Parker, are inclosed

Respectfully.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

July 27th 1861.

Sir: As I am about to be engaged in appointing to positions in this Mint, a great many persons to inferior positions, such as temporary laborers, watchmen &c, I wish to know whether it is the wish of the Director, that the appointment of petty and inferior employees, shall be submitted to him for approval and their oaths sent on.

Very Respectfully

Michael Hahn

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

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July 29th 1878.

Wm. Lewis Johnson.

Sir: In reply to your note of same date, I beg leave to say that I have requested Wm. Fredeman, foreman of the Melting and Refining Department of this Mint to examine what progress you have made in the work alleged to have been verbally ordered by the late Assayer Wm. Weeks with the view of deciding what further action should be taken by me in the premises.

Very Respectfully,
(signed) Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

July 29th 1878.

Sir: I have appointed, on the request, in writing, of M. F. Bruzaud, the Coiner, the following persons to the positions named, in this Mint at the rates annexed, respectively, and respectfully ask your approval.

John Walsh, bleacher	per day		$2.50
John J Holland Carpenter,	"	"	" 2.50
Emile Mary Laborer	"	"	" 1.75
John Donovan do	"	"	" 1.75
Mathew Bergert handy laborer	"	"	" 2.00
William Robinson do	do	"	" 2.00
James Kosthos	do	do "	" 2.00.
Henry Elwell, blacksmith	"	"	" 2.75
Alexander Monton, Machinist	"	"	" 2.75
Hiram Follet, nigger & handy laborer	"		" 2.00
Delphin Maysonne	do	do "	" 2.00.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

RG104 E-NRF-14 New Orleans letters sent

July 29th 1876.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you to day is hereby made official, viz.

Samuel Week, Melter and Refiner, of this Mint, died suddenly on Saturday.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 29th 1876.

Sir: I have appointed Michael Fersing, of this city, to be Doorkeeper of this Mint, at the rate of two dollars and twenty five cents ($2.25) per day.

Your approval is respectfully asked.

Mr. Fersing filled the position of Doorkeeper in the Mint here for many years previous to its being occupied by the Assistant Treasurer. He is recommended by Dr. Bouzano, late assayer as a man of strict fidelity and good capacity

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

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July 29th 1878.

Sir: It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Department, the death of W. Samuel Weeks, late Melter and Refiner of this Mint. W. Weeks died suddenly on Saturday 27th instant.

I have directed Thomas Friedersman the Foreman of the Melting and Refining Department to go on with the necessary repairing and fitting up, under the instructions received from the late Melter and Refiner and to report from time to time the progress he makes.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Kahn,
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

July 30th 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed, on the written request of the Coiner, the following persons to positions in this Mint, at the rate annexed, and respectfully ask your approval.

John W. Donellan, general workman per. diem $2,00,
Chas. M. Strong do do " " 2,00,
Emile N. Richards do do " " 2,50,

Very Respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

August 2nd 1876.

Sir: I have appointed upon the written request of W. F. Bonzano, Coiner, the following persons to positions in this Mint, at the rate annexed, and respectfully ask your approval

Andrew Rostrup acting general foreman pr day $5.00.
Richard Stevenson " workman " " " 3.00,
John Shepperly do " " " 2,75,
William McCoy do " " " 2.00,
George H. McCoy do " " " 2.00.

The above named persons have been for a long time employed in the general Department and their oaths are on file in the Department at Washington.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

The Mint of the United States,
at New Orleans. La.
August 3rd 1876.

Sir:

I enclose please find official oaths of sundry persons, whose appointments have been previously forwarded.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Supt N.O. Mint.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

August 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the written request of W. F. Bongano Coiner. W. Chas Gaschet del Isle to be draughtsman the coining Department, at the rate of ($5.00) five dollars per day, Your approval is respectfully asked.

Very Respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

August 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the written request of Samuel Weeks, Melter and Refiner, of date of July 23rd ulto. the following persons to position in this Mint at the rates annexed, and respectfully ask your approval.

John Handley,	Workman	per day	$ 2.75
E. Oneal	do	" "	1.75
M. Brady	do	" "	1.75
James Parker	do	" "	1.75
Christian Eahart	do	" "	1.75

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent,

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

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August 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed on the written request of Dr. Joseph Albrecht, Assayer, the following person to position in this Mint at the rate named, and respectfully ask your approval.

Denis Rostrup, laborer, per day $2.00.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Aug 3rd 1878.

Wm. J. L. Stevens.
Pensacola, Fla.

Sir: In reply to your inquiry as to the price of Mexican dollars, I inclose herewith a circular of instructions, received from the Treasury Department which contains the proper information.

Yours, Respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

August 8th 1878.

Wm. C. J. Fetbrath.
Gatesville. Texas.

Sir: The enclosed circular from the Treasury Department contains all the information asked for, in your letter to me of July 8th ult

Yours Respectfully.
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

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August 3rd 1878.

Messrs Yeatt & French.
Aberdeen, Miss.

Gents: The inclosed circular from the Treasury Department, answers very fully certain of the inquiries addressed to me in your letter of July 9th

As we are not yet prepared to purchase silver on government account, I cannot give you in detail the rules governing such purchases.

Yours Respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

August 5th 1878.

Mr. Aurelius Parker.
Book Keeper U.S. Mint.
at New Orleans La.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent of this Mint, to instruct you to report without unnecessary delay to the Director of the Mint at Washington, for assignment to temporary duty at the Philadelphia Mint.

Yours. Respectfully,
F. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

August 5th 1878.

Sir: Inclosed please find official oath, of Chas H. Strong, workman in the Coiners Department of this Mint, whose appointment was mailed to you on the 20th ult.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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August 5th 1878.

Sir:

Agreeably to the directions contained in your communication of the 31st ult. I have requested Wm Aurelius Parker, the bookkeeper of this Mint. to report to you in person for assignment to the Philadelphia Mint, to familiarize himself with the method of bookkeeping which obtains in that Institution.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Cahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

August 5th 1878.

Wm. H. Bledsoe
Alvarado, Texas.

Dear Sir. In reply to certain of the inquiries contained in your favor of that date. I inclose herewith a circular from the Department giving the value of Mexican dollars. We shall not be prepared for receiving bullion, or transacting any other regular business at this Mint until the work of repairs in which we are now engaged shall be finished. This will be about the first of November. At present your inquiries should be directed to the Mint at Philadelphia, or the Department at Washington.

Yours Respectfully,
Michael Cahn.
Superintendent.

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August 6th. 1878.

Sir:

Inclosed please find receipt No 1554. dated July 30th. 1878. for postage stamps received from Department, this day by registered mail.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.
Secty of the Treas.
Washington, D.C.

New Orleans, La.
August 8th. 1878.

New Orleans. La.
One thousand, five hundred dollars,
Sept 30th. 1878.

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June 28th. 1878.
Repairs and machinery, U.S. Mint at N.O. La. $150.
Michael Hahn.

New Orleans. La.
One hundred dollars.
June 30, 1878.

8.

June 28. 1878.
New Orleans, La. $100.

Michael Hahn.

August 6th 1878.

Sir: I return herewith the official bond of William A Maes, Cashier of this Mint, together with the affidavits of solvency of his sureties, Frank Hemer and F.M. Zeigler. Both are wealthy men of first class credit, and the papers have been executed in binding form, under the laws of this State, and, as I believe, according to the instructions of the Department.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 6th 1878.

Sir: I send herein a requisition for fifteen hundred dollars, to defray the necessary repairs and fitting up several of the rooms in this Mint. The Superintendents room has recently been vacated by the Assistant Treasurer, and required considerable changes to render it fit for my use. I shall need the amount asked for to meet immediate demands, and hope you will make the necessary request at your earliest convenience.

Also at the request of M. F. Bonzano, late Assayer in charge, I make a requisition for one hundred dollars payable out of the appropriation for contingent expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878. to pay unsettled claims for fuel. I am informed that this sum will be sufficient to pay all the demands outstanding prior to July, 1878.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

RG104 E-NRF-14 New Orleans letters sent

August 7th 1878

Sir: I have appointed Wm. John Christian Schuetze of St Louis, Mo. Deposit Clerk of this Mint, at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars per annum ($1600) and respectfully ask your approval. I also recommend that Wm. Schuetze be sent temporarily to the Philadelphia Mint, for instruction in the duties of the Office upon which he is about to enter.

This is the third assignment, I have asked for, to the Philadelphia Mint, and it completes the list of those I have had in contemplation for such a designation.

Wm. Schuetze is a young citizen of St Louis, personally well known to me, and he presents moreover strong recommendations from Col Flad President of the Board of Public Improvements of that city, endorsed by George Knapp, Esq. Proprietor of the St Louis Republican; C. B. Burnham, Esq. President of the Bank of Commerce and a large mercantile firm of the same city

Very Respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

August 7th 1878.

Sir:

I respectfully recommend that the pay of Wm. George L. Conners, who was appointed Assayers clerk of this Mint on the 23rd of July, and assigned temporarily to the Philadelphia Mint, be fixed at three dollars

($3.00) per day instead of $2.25, as previously recommended.

When Mr. Convers reports here for duty, he will be entitled by law to receive $1600. per annum, that being the amount named for the purpose in the Act approved June 19. 1878.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

August 8th 1878

J. W. Gurley Esq.
Assistant U. S. District Atty.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose herein, the bills of the City Notary and the Recorder of Mortgages, for expenses incurred in making and recording the quit-claim deed to the United States, of the real property upon which this Mint is located.

Three bills are transmitted to you, in pursuance of the verbal understanding I had with you this morning, to be forwarded to Washington for directions as to the proper fund out of which to pay them.

Very respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent.

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August 10th 1878.

Sir: On the 24th ult I sent to the Department a request for certain articles of stationery for the use of this Mint, for the quarter ending September 30th prox. The supply of nearly everything named in the Schedules was exhausted when the Mint passed under my charge, and I have been obliged to purchase a few articles, needed for immediate use, from local dealers.

As I have not yet received any response from my request for Stationery (though a requisition for postage stamps and another for blanks, have been answered in due time) I apprehend it has been lost, and inclose a duplicate copy.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon John Sherman.,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

August 8th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, a notice that certain articles of Stationery, required for the use of this Mint, and for which requisition was made July 24th ult, have not yet been heard of: and also a duplicate schedule of the things wanted.

I have been obliged to buy here a few articles of the greatest need.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

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August 12th 1878.

Sir:

Please send for the use of this Mint, two copies of "Government Salary Tables"

Yours very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D. C.

August 15th 1878

Sir:

Please send for the use of this Mint, the following blank forms.

25 Modified oaths of Office.
75 Test oaths, act of July 2nd 1862.
25 Payrolls of workmen.

Yours Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sir August 15th 1878.

John C. Schnetze

Sir: Your appointment as deposit clerk of this Mint, has been approved by the Director at Washington, to take effect from the 3rd inst.

As soon as convenient, after the receipt of this you will report in person to the Director of the Mint at Washington, for detail to the Philadelphia Mint, for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the duties

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of the position to which you have been appointed.

Yours respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

August 15th. 1878.

Sir:

Agreeably to the instructions contained in your letter of August 12th. inst. I have directed Wm. John C. Schmelze, Deposit-clerk of this Mint, to report to you in person, for temporary assignment to the Philadelphia Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 16th. 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed Thomas Mc Mahon of this city, to be night watchman of this Mint, at the rate of two dollars and twenty five cents ($2,25) per diem. Your approval is respectfully asked for.

Wm. Mc Mahon, besides bringing satisfactory testimonials from well Known citizens, is personally known to me as a person of fidelity and good capacity for the position to which he has been appointed.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 16th, 1878.

Sir:

I return herewith the official bond of William A. Mack, Cashier of this Mint, which has been made to conform as nearly to the suggestions contained in the memoranda from the Solicitor and your own office, as we can understand them.

Hoping they may prove satisfactory I remain,

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 16th, 1878.

Sir:

I beg leave to request that the Coining Press, of Mssrs Orr, Hees, & Morgan of Philadelphia be purchased at the most reasonable figure and sent here, and that another press of the form and size of the "Ajax," in use at the Philadelphia Mint, be ordered at once and got ready for shipment — Also that a Hydraulic press of Sellers construction, be ordered for the Melting Department. The Coining Press of Mssrs Orr, Hees & Morgan, should be thoroughly tested by experts of the Philadelphia Mint, and the necessary measurements taken to enable the engraver to fit dies for it, before it is shipped.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obdt Svt,
M. F. Morgan.

shipped.
Hon M. Hahn,
Supt U. S. Mint-N. O.,
La.

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August 16th. 1878.

Wm. John C. Schnetze
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir: The solicitor of the Treasury having rejected your first bond on account of insufficiency, I have prepared a new form, according to suggestions received in memoranda from the Director of the Mint, which I hope will be deemed sufficient.

As soon as you may have executed the new bond, you may leave for Washington, and take it with you. Upon arriving there, you will report to the Director of the Mint, in accordance with instructions sent you yesterday.

As your appointment has already been approved, the oath taken by you, on the 3rd inst. will be sufficient but new qualifications of sureties will probably be required

I enclose the old papers.

Yours truly.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

P.S. As I have but one form of blank left for qualification of sureties, it will be necessary for you to make a copy for one of them.

The orders refered to in my telegram of this date are contained herein.

M. H.

August 16th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herein a communication from the Coiner of this Mint in reference to certain presses to be obtained from the South. As the Director is already informed of this matter I hope it may be given all consideration and dispatch.

Yours very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

August 17th 1878.

Sir:

Please send for the use of this Mint, the following blank forms:
20 Official bonds for clerks.
40 Qualifications of sureties.

We have none of these forms remaining on hand.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 17th 1878.

Messrs I. H. Stephens & Sons.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed circular from the Treasury Department will probably afford you all the necessary information about Mexican Dollars asked for in your letter of the 14th inst.

Though this circular was prepared before the Mint of New Orleans was prepared for the regular transaction of business, yet its suggestions will apply here as well as at the Mints named in it, so soon as we are ready for operative work, say about the first of November.

You will perceive by the circular that there is no authority in the law for the several Mints to coin the U. S. Standard dollar for private acct. Owners of foreign coin and bullion may bring the same to the Mint, where it is weighed and valued and bought for account of the United States.

Yours respectfully,

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

August 20th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit you herein, my official action relative to the appointment of night watchmen of this Mint.

On the 21st of June in order to avoid a hiatus doubt, the Director of the Mint telegraphed to Wm. Asseyer Bonzano, at New Orleans, then in charge of the Mint.

Retain any part or the whole of the workmen after June 30th and arrange

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for proper care of the Mint, until Superintendent under new laws, shall be appointed and qualified" and in a consultation had at the Directors' Office June 28th between the Director, the new Superintendent and Cosier, and part of the time the Chief Clerk of the Director, it was expressly understood that the workmen at that time employed in the Mint, should be considered as continued in their employment, until the new superintendent should have entered upon the discharge of his duties and made other appointments.

Upon his arrival here and assuming charge of the Mint, the Superintendent found the following named watchmen on duty.

Nicholas Faust, Captain.

Michal Burkemmeyer, James Smith and John Walsh, Watchmen.

On the 27th of July 1878. it was deemed necessary to have another watchman, and Henry Webber was appointed and qualified at the compensation of two dollars ($2.) per day.

Upon the pay roll of July 1878 on the advice of the Cosier, the members of the watch were paid as follows:

The Captain $3.00 per diem

The other watchmen 2.00 " "

excepting of course Henry Webber newly appointed, whose pay had been fixed at two dollars per day.

On the first of August last, one of the night watchmen, John Walsh, was transferred to the Coiners Department, thus leaving a vacancy, which was temporarily supplied by the substitution of William Stanly until the 15th inst, when Thomas McMahon was regularly

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appointed.

The present permanent force of night watchmen of this Mint is therefore constituted as follows.

Nicholas Faust,	Captain, at	$3 25/100 per day
Nicholas Burkenmeyer,	Watchman.	2 25/100 " "
James Smith	do	2 25/100 " "
Henry Hebber	do	2 25/100 " "
Thomas Mc Mahon	do	2 25/100 " "

The first three named persons served under the late assayer in charge and taken the necessary official oaths, previous to my appointment of them have not been required to renew them except the two last named, and appointed by me and their oaths forwarded by the Director.

The object of the present communication is to have the approval of the appointment and compensation of the nightwatchmen, as now constituted, to approve the pay allowed them last month, which had not previously been approved by the Director, and to approve the temporary appointment of Wm. Stewarts fifteen days in August which was temporary and not intended to last longer than such time as a good watchman might be selected, and which was done when Thomas Mc Mahon was appointed.

Very respectfully.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

New Orleans, La.
August 21st 1878.

New Orleans, La.
Four Thousand seven Hundred ✗✗
Dollars. (4700 ✗✗

Sept 30th 1878.

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June 28th 1878.

New Orleans La		$1200.00.
"	"	3000.00.
"	"	500.00.
		$4700.00.

Michall Hahn.

August 21st 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herein my reports of disbursements for account of this Mint for the month of July, 1878, so far as it has been practicable, to make payments up this date.

You will observe that the salary of the late Melter and Refiner, remains undrawn but stands on my books to the credit of his succession. As no administrator, properly qualified by law, has made a demand for payment I have been obliged to defer it. When a proper demand is made, I presume it will be proper to liquidate the claim, and take an ordinary receipt therefor. In the absence of specific instructions from the Director, Mr. Weeks has been allowed only the amount of pay accruing to him from the date of oath of office to his

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death, which last event occurred on the 27th. of July.

Included in the bills of ordinary expenses, you will perceive there is one amounting to $63. for Stationery. When I assumed control here, there was a thorough want of articles in this line, and, though I have made requisition upon the Department for a supply and have since addressed a letter of inquiry I have not yet received anything from that source. The bills for August will, therefore, also show some expenditures for some articles of Stationery of prime necessity.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

August 21st. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herein a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for an advance of funds for the current month, amounting to $2700.

The reported estimate for wages of of workmen exceeds the actual estimates by something less than one hundred dollars; but as we have yet ten days to run in this month, with perhaps some slight modifications to be recommended in the Coiners' Department, I have deemed it prudent to ask for enough to carry me safely through the next pay day. The Coiner has a tolerably large force employed upon the Machinery which requires a very thorough overhauling

and extensive repairs, He reports to me that in addition to the pay for regular time for the month of August, he will make a demand upon me for a small amount for overtime.

In my estimates for pay of offices and clerks, I have included that of Wm. A. Parker, the bookkeeper as, previous to his leaving for Philadelphia, he authorized an acceptance for the amount payable to a business house in this city, I have omitted in my estimates the following.

E. R. Levy —	Aug 1.	$3.	per day
W. Dawson —	" 1.	" 4.	" "
F. K. Jones —		" 4.	" "
R. B. Harrison	" 1.	" 4.	" "
Geo G. Convers	" 1.	" 3.	" "

I learn unofficially that Mr. Jones has reported for duty at the Philadelphia Mint, but am not informed of the date of his oath, or the time when he entered upon the discharge of his duty there.

I presume it is the wish of the Director that the clerks above named shall receive their pay in the same manner that Messrs Dawson and Harrison did last month.

Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

August 28th, 1878.

Wm. F. K. Jones,
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your oath of office as Deposit Melter of this Mint, dated 16th inst and mailed on the 21st, has been received and forwarded to the Director of the Mint in Washington for filing.

Yours, Respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

August 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herein official oath of Frederick K. Jones, Deposit Melter of this Mint, dated 16th inst, just received.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Wm. Jones is on duty at the Philadelphia Mint.

August 23rd, 1878.

Sir:

Mrs. Ellen Hoakes, widow in community of the late Melter and refiner of this Mint, having produced legal evidence of her appointment as tutrix of her children, I have this day paid her the amount due her late husband for salary for

July, and inclose her receipt to be attached to the pay roll already forwarded.

I also inclose certificate of her appointment by the Second District-Court.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon. H.R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

August 26th 1870.

Sir:

The packages of blanks advised to me in your letter of the 21st inst. came to hand to day.

I perceive you have sent me form of modified oath prescribed by section 2616 Rev Stats. for employes in the Customs department, which are not exactly adapted for the Mint. The directions on the back, as well as the introductory clause of the oath itself do not conform to the duties of workmen or clerks in this institution. They will require some changes, therefore, before they can be used.

In case, in your judgement, it may be proper to have a supply of these modified oaths printed in form, suitable for the employes of the Mints, You will perhaps find the inclosed sample convenient to be used as a copy to be sent to the printer. In all the forms of oaths which I have seen, there is an omission of any blank in the print for writing the name of the place where the oath is taken. Officers who administer, also habitually overlook this, and neglect to write it in. Some of them have seals, sufficiently

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descriptive perhaps, but generally applies too indistinctly to render the place obvious. I have therefore indicated, in the inclosed form a place for the purpose of supplying this deficiency.

In case you think it proper to have other blank modified oaths printed and sent to me, I will under permission, turn over all I have of the present form then remaining on hand, to the collector of this port for his use.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

August 26th 1878.

Sir: The inclosed letters.

1 - Copy of letter of Messrs J. Morton Poole & Co, of Wilmington, Del:

2 - Letter of Mr. G. Bonzano, Coiner of this Mint to me.

I will inform you that the latter has recommended the purchase from the firm of one of their Grind Roll Machines, for use in this Mint, at the price of $1050.

Also, an offer to grind our old rolls, and put them in good order for use.

I have approved the suggestion of the Coiner, and respectfully ask your favorable action, and that you order the purchase of the machinery from them.

We have the old rolls ready boxed for shipment by first-steamer, or fast freight line to Wilmington, to be ground by

by Messrs Poole & Co's. They will probably go on in a day or two.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

August 26th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter from Mr. F. Bongano, late assayer in charge, explaining the manner of the appointment of Geo H. McCay, now employed in the Coiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

August 27th, 1878.

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose herein, a letter to me from Dr. Mr. F. Bongano the Coiner of this Mint; and also one to him from Mr. James Moore, of Philadelphia, concerning the purchase of three new boilers for use here. The tracery of the plans of the boilers is also forwarded to the Director.

I have approved the suggestion of the Coiner, and respectfully ask you to order the boilers from Mr. Moore according to the accom

specifications

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

August 27th 1878.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 24th inst, I observe your note, in reply to my communication of the 20th inst, recommending certain appointments and changes in my force of night watchmen:

"The appointment of Henry Webber ×+×+ has been conditionally approved.

His appointment was approved on the 31st of July, 1878, at a compensation of $2.00 per day; but in reconstructing the list of watchmen, I desired to make the pay of all of those of the same rank uniform and alike, and therefore asked the Director's approval to an advance in Webber's compensation so that it should be $2.25 per day, the same as the other watchmen receive from the 1st inst.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

August 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein Certificate of Deposit No 6534. from the assistant Treasurer of the United States, at New Orleans, for thirty seven dollars and Eighty-four cents, ($37.84.) being amount to balance funds to my credit for disbursements on account of contingent expenses of this Mint for the quarter ending June 30th. 1878.

Very Respectfully.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

August 29th 1878.

Sir: I inclosed please find account of disbursements, for account of expenditures of this Mint for the quarter ending June 30th. 1878.

Certificate of deposit for the balance remaining undrawn, and directed to the Secretary of the Treasury is also inclosed.

The disbursements for the balance of this quarter were all made upon the approval of the late assayer in Charge, as instructed by you in your letter of July 22nd. ult.

Very Respectfully,

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D. C.

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August 28th 1878

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Bill of Lading for (6) six boxes shipped per Steamship Knickerbocker "via" New York, for grinding, not knowing the rate of freight from New York to Wilmington, it is not convenient for me to prepay the freight bill. You will therefore please pay the same and let me know the amount, and I will remit the same: or you may include it in your bill.

Very Respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Norton Poole & Co.
Wilmington, Del.

August 29th 1878.

Sir:

As I have previously informed you there are no books in this Mint suitable for the use of the bookkeeper, when we shall be ready to begin active operations. My bookkeeper, who is at the Philadelphia Mint, has recently urged me to order a full set, with which request I am willing to comply, but am not familiar with the prescribed forms.

Will you do me the favor to cause to be made and forwarded to this mint as soon as convenient, a complete set of the books, such as are in use in Philadelphia for the bookkeeper and the Assayer. Also, for the Deposit clerk and the weigh clerk.

If desired, books of any prescribed form can be well and cheaply made here: but we understand it to be the policy of the

Department to have such work done in Washington, But we would like sample leaves.

Yours, respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

August 30th. 1878.

Prof. J. B. Walker:
Louisville, Ky.

Sir: Agreeably to the request contained in your letter, dated August 22, inst to the Director of the Mint at Washington, the papers relating to your application for a position in the Mint are herein returned.

Your, very respectfully
F. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Aug 30th. 1878.

Sir:

I have been requested, in writing by the Coiner of this Mint to supply his Department with "a complete set of account books, of the same form and size as those used in the Mint at Philadelphia for the Coining department" and also a supply of such blanks for the same as are in use in Philadelphia.

I respectfully ask you to order the manufacture of the articles required and to forward them to this Mint.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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Sept 2nd 1878.

Wm G. LeGardner,
Notary Public

Sir:

I am requested by Superintendent Kahn to request you to call at his office in this Mint at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
F. S. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Sept 2nd 1878.

John McEnery Esq.
Recorder of Mortgages

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent Michall Kahn Esq. to request you to call at his office in this Mint at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
F. S. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

September 2nd 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein, for returns.

1. Pay roll of officers and clerks.
2. Pay roll of workmen.
3. Account current,
4. Voucher No 9.

With corrections as suggested in your letter of August 26th ultc.

Also voucher No 10. being the bill for postage stamps, which I found it necessary to buy before the official stamps were received.

In the account of the Western Union Telegraph Company you will find an item of (66¢) sixty six cents, for car fare for messengers, which I paid early in July, before I had been able to systemize that service, The Mint is situated on the lower limit of pre delivery for despatches, and at first the Telegraph Company insisted that it did not come within; but I have since effected an arrangement which will enable me to avoid similar charges in future.

Since making up the acct of pay for officers and clerks, Wm. Weeks, window of the late Melter and Refiner, has presented to me satisfactory evidence of her authority to administer the succession of her late husband, upon which I paid to her the amount due him, for salary for June and July, The receipt for July has already been forwarded to you.

You will see that the pay roll of workmen in the Melting and Refining Department is approved by Thomas Tinderneau, the Foreman, as I have instructed him to go on with the repairs necessary to put his Department in good working order, and to report his action to me from time to time until a new Melter and Refiner shall be appointed according to law.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

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Sept 2nd 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein, copy of detailed items for telegraph despatches for June 1878, as requested by you in your letter of August-30 ultº

Included in the dispatch of 18 words is a charge of ten cents paid for car fare for telegraph messenger.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon
N. R. Snideman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Sept 7th 1878.

Mrs A. Parker.
Crescent Hotel
Bay St Louis.

My dear Madam:

Please find enclosed check of J. Strauss for seventy xx Dollars 70oo sent you at the request of your husband, A Parker, Please acknowledge the receipt of same.

Respectfully.
W. A. Mace.
Chastier.
U. S. Mint.

Sept-7th 1878.

Sir:

In my letter of August-21, ultº, I informed you that in making estimates for pay of workmen for the month of August. I had omitted that of Messrs. Levy, Dawson Jones, Harrison on duty at Philadelphia Mint.

and Wm. Convers at New York as I presumed the Director of the Mint would order these to be paid by draft from Washington, and notify me of the fact and the amount, as in the case of Messrs Harrison and Dawson, notice of payment of whom was sent me of date July 29th.

Will you please inform me, if you have taken similar action in the case of the aforenamed employes.

Wm. Aurelius Parker, the Book Keeper of this Mint has been paid by me for August through his authorized transferee in this city. I have also accepted conditionally his draft for his pay for the current month.

It will not be necessary for you to include Wm. John C Schuetze for the list of payes, as I will provide for his payment here.

Very respectfully,

Michael Hahn,

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sept 10th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for certain articles of office furniture for the use of this Mint. I have no blanks on hand, prepared for the purpose, nor do I know that any are supplied by the Department.

Trusting that you will give this requisition the assistance of your favorable endorsement, I am,

Yours, very respectfully

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Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sept 10th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish office furniture to aid in fitting up the several departments of this Mint, as follows:

1. large Rotary Secretary for Superintendent.
1. Sofa for Superintendents' office
3. " " heads of operative Departments.
6. Chairs for Supts office
12. " " adjusting room.
6. " " Coiners office.
2. " " " punching room.
2. " " drafting room.
24. " " Hall.
2 Bookcases.
12. high desk stools with rotary tops.
2. Book racks to hold books in constant use.
2. large office desks for Chief Clerk and Deposit Clerk.
1. Large armoir with drawers and pigeon holes to hold stationery reports, &c.
6. Washstands and toilet set.
2 or 3 Small tables.

Very respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.

Sept 10th. 1878.

Sir;

I understand it is the custom in the Philadelphia Mint to permit the employes to draw, on the 15th. of each month a certain amount on account of salaries and wages, in addition to the regular settlement on the 1st. As I believe this to be a good regulation, I desire to establish some such concession to my employes in this Mint.

Will you therefore, do me the favor to inform me in what manner such partial payments are made? What proportion of the estimated monthly pay is allowed to be drawn? and what form of receipt is exacted from Clerks, workmen, &c.?

Thanking you for the trouble which has necessarily been imposed upon you by receiving so many of my employes, and hoping I may at some future day be able to reciprocate your kindness

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Michael Hahn,

Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

U. S. Mint at New Orleans

Sept 11th. 1878.

New Orleans, La.

Sept 1st. 1878.

778.68/100.

Michael Hahn

Superintendent

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Sept 12th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herein, my report of disbursements for account of this Mint, for the month of August, ult, as follows:

1, Payroll of Officers and Clerks.
2, " " Workmen Genl Depot.
3, " " " Coining "
4, " " " Assaying "
5, " " " Melting & Refining "
6, Account of Ordinary Expenses
7 Account Current
Vouchers Nos 11 to 39 inclusive.

(37 Inclosures)

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent

Hon
H, R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sept 12th 1878.

Wm A Bannon.
Cassidys' Hotel, New Orleans.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to acknowledge the receipt of the 10th [inst] "tooth" asking a definite" answer as early as possible" as to whether or not he can give you a place.

I am instructed by the Superintendent to say, in reply, that there is no vacancy in the Mint, subject to his appointment, and that under the law the employes in the operative Departments are selected on account of their knowledge and skill, by the heads of these departments and not by the superintendent.

Yours very Respectfully,
J. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk.

Sept-12th 1878.

Mr. F. K. Jones,

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Sept-7 inst-is received, I am very glad to hear from you, as I shall be at all times, not only from yourself, but the other employes of this Mint, at present in Philadelphia.

As to the times and manner of making payment, I can only remark that at present the the absent employes of this Mint are paid by the Director by Draft from Washington, with the exceptim of the bookkeper, who has given authority for it here. You will easily understand that I do not feel at libety to suggest to the Director of the Mint that he shoud make any departure from the plan he has adopted for that purpose. Neither can I well ask Superintendent Pollock to incur any further trouble in the matter than necessarily grows out of the presence of so many of my employes in his Mint for the purpose of receiving instruction in the duties of their positions respectively.

I recommend you, while in Philadelphia, to carefully study the general duties connected with Melting the deposits, so that you may be able when you come here to discharge such appropriate duties as the best interests of the service may require. The general duties of officers, Clerks and employes of the Mints are defined by law and the regulations of the Treasury Department. These are of course, supplemented by the directions of the Superintendent and the operative officers, from time to time, as the exigencies arise. I presume that a part of your duties will be to take care that bullion in transit, to and from the Melting room as well as in the same, is protected from waste

of any kind; and further to take care that those who carry it back and forth use due diligence. These and such other duties as may be imposed upon you by custom or special directions, will I presume be embraced in the line of occupation pertaining to your position.

Yours. Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Sept 12th 1878.

Wm. D. St. Pressly,
Sweet Home, Tex.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 29th ult.
making inquiry about the value of Mexican silver coinage, has been referred in regular course to this mint for answer.

At present we are not prepared to buy bullion of any kind for government acct. but as soon as this Mint shall have been put in working order, we expect to receive silver, especially, in considerable quantity. The price to be paid will depend upon the London and New York quotations, for fine silver and exchange, as indicated in the enclosed circular from the Treasury Department. A full weight Mexican dollar contains .8056 oz fine silver, which is worth a fraction more than $1.14 per oz. less the deductions named in the circular.

Yours respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Sept 13th 1878.

Sir:

I beg leave to request information as to the time when we may expect our new boilers, so as to enable me to make arrangements for setting them.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt servt.
M. F. Bonzano,
Comdr.

Genl Michael Hahn.
Supt U.S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sept 12th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein an inquiry from the Comdr. of this Mint concerning the purchase of certain new boilers asked for in my letter to the Director, dated August 27. ultc.

Will you do me the favor to address the manufacturers, on the subject, and let me know the nature of the answer, at your early convenience.

Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Genl N. R Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

New Orleans, La.
September 13th 1878.

New Orleans. La.
Seven thousand Dollars.

September 30th 1878.

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June 28th 1878.

New Orleans	# 1500.00.
do	" 3000.00.
do	" 1000.00.
Repairs and Machinery do.	1500.00
	7000.00

Michael Hahn.

Sept 13th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose for the information and consideration of the Directors, a communication addressed to me by the Comer of this Mint, in which he details with clearness and accuracy some of the circumstances which, in his judgement have caused, and will hereafter cause to some extent, the work of preparing this Mint for active operations beyond the time heretofore anticipated.

When the Department fixed the date for resuming active business here on the 1st of November, both the Comer and myself indulged the hope that we would be ready by that time; and I believe that but for the unavoidable delays detailed by the latter in his inclosed letter there would have been no disappointment in that respect.

I shall, however, continue to hurry on the work of preparation with all the dispatch that may be consistent with satisfactory results. And, as the weather here during the past two or three days has become much cooler, and therefore more favorable to health and to greater efficiency of service on the part of all our operatives, I indulge the

hope that we shall not hereafter experience any further obstruction from the cause which has been the principal element in making the delay unavoidable. We may now reasonably expect a decline in the prevailing epidemic, followed soon after by a return of the workmen to the machine shops.

In the meantime, we shall be dependent upon the promptness of the contractors for furnishing us with new boilers and the other machinery ordered from the North, of which you have advices.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sept 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed, upon the request in writing, of the coiner, Wm. Jules Gouguy to be a workman in this Mint, at wages to be named in accordance with the instructions of Dr. M. J Bonzano, Coiner.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Sept 19th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will order to be paid for the current month, September, by draft from Washington, out of the appropriation for wages of workmen in this Mint. for the year ending June 30th 1879. the following named employes of this Mint at present in Philadelphia:

E, R, Levy,	do	$3. per day
R. B. Harrison,	"	4. " "
Nicholas Dawson,	"	4 " "
Fredk. K. Jones.	"	4 " "
Wm. C. Cahn.	"	1.75 " "

Also from same appropriation, for the same month: George G. Convers New York assay office, do $3. per day.

Also from the appropriation for officers and clerks in this Mint, same year, Wm. John C. Schnetze. Deposit Clerk, now at Philadelphia from Aug 3rd 1878, at the rate of $1600 per annum.

The book keeper, Wm. Parker, has directed the payment of his salary to be made in this city.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

address omitted.

Sept 24th, 1878.

Wm. Leopold Stark
Terre Haute, Ind

Sir:

I have to inform you that you have been appointed one of the workmen in this Mint. by the superintendent. The compensation will be fixed at some future day, after the subsidence of the prevailing epidemic shall make

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it safe for you to report here for duty.

Upon receipt of this you will subscribe to the inclosed oath before a Notary Public or Court of record, and forward the same to the Director of the Mint at Washington

Yours respectfully
T. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Benj. F. Butler,
Delphi. Ind

Sir:

I have to inform you that you have been appointed one of the workmen in this Mint by the Superintendent. The compensation will be fixed at some future day, after the subsidence of the prevailing epidemic shall make it safe for you to report here for duty.

Upon receipt of this you will subscribe the inclosed oath before a Notary Public, or Court of record, and forward the same to the Director of the Mint at Washington.

Yours Respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Sept 24th 1878.

Sir:

I have made the following appointments upon the written recommendation of the Coiner of this Mint, subject to your approval.

Leopold Stark workman of Terre Haute Ind
Benj F Butler do " Delphi "
Fred Schuber Carpenter of New Orleans.

The question of compensation is left open for the present, as Messrs Stark and Butler

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are in Indiana and cannot safely come here just now; and it is deemed advisable to test Mr. Schubert's capability before fixing upon a rate in his case. Schubert's oath is herein inclosed. I shall direct the other two appointees to send theirs to you from Indiana.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Sept 27th, 1878.

Sir:

I have, upon the recommendation of M. F. Bonzano, Coiner, fixed the rate of compensation of the following named employes of this Mint whose appointment has been before reported and approved, as per figures annexed.

Jules Gouzy, machinist, $2,75 per diem
Frederick Schubert, Carpenter, " 2,50 " "

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Sept 27th, 1878.

Sir:

I have upon the recommendation of Dr. M. F. Bonzano, Coiner, fixed the compensation of Leopold Stark and Benj F. Butler. workmen of this Mint, whose appointment has been reported, at $2.25 per diem, payable from the

time they report here for duty.

Your approval is respectfully asked for.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent,

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Direct of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Oct 2nd 1878.

Mrs. A. Parker,
Crescent Hotel,
Bay St. Louis.

Dear Madam:

Please find inclosed J. Straus' Check # 1044, on Mechanics and Traders Bank of New Orleans, La. for Fifty Dollars # 50/100 according to instruction of your husband, Mr. A. Parker, please acknowledge receipt of same to me.

Very respectfully.
W Maes.
Chasier U. S. Mint.

Oct 2nd 1878.

Mr. A. Parker,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed check on New York for # 78 05/100 according to your instruction. I have also remitted to your wife a certified check for # 50 00/100, Hoping yours will prove satisfactory and correct.

I remain Yours Truly
W. Maes.

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P. S.

We have made arrangements, now, for money at 2½ %, let me know your views about it.

Mint

October 7th 1878

Sir:

On the 12th ultimo September, ult. I had the honor to forward you an inquiry from the Comer of this Mint concerning three boilers which have been ordered of Wm. James Moore, of Philadelphia and asking you to do me the favor to address an inquiry to the manufacturer on the subject As I have not received an answer to that request it is hereby respectfully repeated.

The time is now approaching when we may reasonably hope to be able to have every thing in readiness to begin the active operations of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn,
Superintendent,

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Oct 8th 1878.

Sir:

In memory (October 9th) having been designated and set apart by the Governor of this State as a day of Fasting and Prayer, the business of this Mint will be suspended and the attendance of employes dispensed with for the day.

By order of the Superintendent.

F. G. Tracey
Chief Clerk

Dr. Jos Albrecht.
Assayer.

Oct 8th 1878.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to inform you that your action in dismissing C. Eckart for the reasons stated, to wit: "misbecoming conduct and wilfully disobeying order" is approved.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk

Wm. Thos Friedeman.
Foreman Melting & Refining Dept.
U. S. Mint, N. O.

Oct 8th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein, estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year, ending June 30th 1880. by this Mint.

I have asked that the salaries of officers and clerks be placed nearly on an equality, with those of the San Francisco Mint, The estimates for materials and contingent expenses are based upon a careful consideration of the lowest market prices for the articles required.

As we have no copy of the Statutes at large for 1878. I am unable to give the page on which act Sec 136. is to be found. I trust to your indulgence to cause the blanks which I have been obliged to leave in the columns for reference to the Statutes to be filled

The preparation of this report has

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been unavoidably delayed beyond the time named in your letter of August 23rd by the difficulty which has been experienced in obtaining estimates on some of the principal articles, and by sickness in the Unit.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Oct 5th 1878.

Wm. B. F. Butler.
Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Oct. 4, inst. is received and filed for reference.

I think it would be very imprudent for you to come here before the subsidence of the yellow fever; but we hope that event is now not very remote.

When it is deemed advisable for the unacclimated to return, I will inform you.

Yours respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Oct 11th 1878.

Sir: I have increased the rate of compensation of certain workmen in the Coining Department of this Mint, in accordance with the recommendation of Wm. F. Bongard. Coiner, herein inclosed. Your approval is respectfully asked.

very Respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Oct 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send for the use of this Mint the following:
1 - Copy of the United States Revised Statutes.
1 - Copy each of the United States Statutes at Large, for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Oct 11th 1878.

Sir:

Please send for the use of this Mint. Copy of Treasury Circular No 187, governing the preparation of requisitions for stationery.

Respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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Oct 11th 1878.

Sir:

In accordance with paragraph 1. page 23. book of Instructions and Regulations. I have to report the following resignation and dismissal of employes in this Mint.

Conrad Schmidt, workman in the Melting resigned August 31st 1878.

Christian Eahart, workman in the Melting and Refining Department, dismissed by the foreman, October 4th inst. for "unbecoming conduct and willfully disobeying order" which dismissal has been approved by me.

Respectfully.

Michael Kahn.

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.

Oct 11th 1878.

W. A. T. Edwards.

Paris, Texas

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 4th inst. I can only say that this Mint is not yet prepared to receive silver bullion as the works of repairing machinery, etc, is not yet completed. We expect, however, to be ready by the first of December.

The price of silver bullion of all kinds, whether foreign coin or in any other shape, will be determined according to rules laid down in the enclosed circular.

Yours respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

New Orleans, La.
October 12th 1878.

New Orleans, La.

Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred $\frac{xx}{xx}$

Dollars.

Dec 31st 1878.

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June 28th 1878.

New Orleans La $ 1200.00.

" 4000.00.

" 2000.00.

Repair and Machinery " 4000.00.

11700.00.

Michael Hahn.

Oct 14th 1878.

Sir:

I inclosed herein for return to the Director to be filed, certain vouchers of disbursements for August, the same having been approved and signed by the heads of the Departments which ordered the same respectively, in accordance with the requirements of the book of Instructions and the directions contained in your letter of the 5th inst.

Referring to the items of stationery, I have again to call your attention to the fact that I have thus far been unable to obtain any from the Treasury Department, though I have used endeavors almost amounting to importunity to do so. On the 24th July I inclosed in a letter to the Director a requisition in form on the Secretary of the Treasury for a supply of stationery estimated to be

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sufficient for the six months ending Dec 31st 1878. But as this Mint was entirely bare of nearly everything in constant use, I was compelled to purchase small quantities from time to time from local dealers, as I explained in my letter to you, dated 21st August, I at the same time informed you that the articles ordered from the Department had not arrived. Previously to this, to wit: on the 10th of August, I addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, through your office, informing the Department that the stationery had not been heard from, and inclosing a duplicate list of the articles required.

On the 2nd of September, I received an invoice from the Division of Stationery, Printing and Blanks, dated August 30, which comprised a partial list of the articles asked for July 24. accompanied by the statement that the goods had been shipped per B. & O. R. R. which I am informed by railroad men here, indicates the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad as the probable carriers employed. I have heard nothing further from the shipment except your telegram of the 6th, which corroborated the advice of shipment.

It is probable the goods have been sent in transit to Mobile, where they are detained by quarantine regulations.

It is, and has been my earnest desire to comply fully with the instructions of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, as contained in his letter to you of October 9. 1878. but I have supposed that the disappointment occasioned by unavoidable delay created an emergency which required the exercise

of discretion, and respectfully ask your approval.

Very Respectfully.
Michael Kahn,
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

October 15th 1878.

Sir:

Thos Friedeman, foreman in charge of the Melting and Refining Department of this Mint, having applied for and obtained leave of absence for three weeks, from and after Monday, 21st inst; and having requested that his department, be placed under the direction of the Coiner during his absence, I have this day, agreeably to the provisions of Section 9 of the Coinage act, appointed Dr. W. F. Bongano, coiner, to take charge of said Department until the return of Mr. Friedeman, or further orders from the Department.

Your approval is respectfully solicited

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

Oct 15th 1878.

Dr. W. F. Bongano
Coiner, U. S. Mint.

Sir:

The Foreman in charge of the Mint, and Refining department of this Mint, having asked

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for and obtained leave of absence for three weeks, from Monday, 21st inst, and having requested that his department be placed under your direction during his absence, you are hereby appointed to take charge of the same, agreeably to section 9 of the Coinage Act, approved February 12, 1873,

Yours respectfully
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Oct 15th 1878.

Wm Thos Friedeman.

Foreman Melting & Refining Department.
U.S. Mint, N.O.

Sir:

Your application for a leave of absence of three weeks of this date, is hereby approved, to take effect from and after Monday, 21st inst.

As suggested by you, you are authorized to place the direction of your department under the charge of the Coiner of the Mint during your absence.

Yours, respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Oct 15th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, covering bill of the Philadelphia Press Co, amounting to $145. for advertising "Proposals for Machinery for this Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Oct 16th 1878.

Geo Mason Esq.
Gen Freight Agt, M. & O. R. R. Co.,
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

On the 30th of August ult. there were shipped by the Treasury Department, Washington, by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, three boxes of stationery destined for this Mint. Nothing has been heard from these boxes since advices of shipment.

Will you do me the favor to cause an inquiry to be made along your road, and let me know whether the boxes have been reached you by any of your connecting lines.

Very Respectfully.
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Oct 16th 1878.

C. L. Fitch, Esq.
Genl Freight Agt Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co.
Mobile. Ala.

Sir:

Will you please cause an inquiry to be made along your road for three boxes of stationery which were shipped from Washington. D.C. on the 30th August, ult; by the Baltimore & Potomac road, and destined for this Mint. The said boxes have not

been received.

Very Respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Oct 16th, 1878.

Sir:

We have received from the Treasury Department, Washington D. C. an invoice of the contents of three boxes of stationery, said to have been shipped to this Unit by your road on the 30th of last August. The boxes have not yet arrived here,

Will you do me the favor to cause a search to be made for the missing freight, and apprise me of the result of the inquiry,

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

To the General Freight Agent,
Baltimore & Potomac R. R. Co.,
Richmond, Va.

Oct 19th, 1878.

Messrs. J. Morton Poole & Co.,
Wilmington, Del.

Gents:

Inclosed please find my check No. 9075, on the Assistant U. S. Treasurer at New Orleans for $164.35/100, being in payment of your bill for centring and grinding rolls $150.00
Freight and cartage " 14.35
(Dated Wilmington, Del. Oct 2nd, 1878) $164.35

Please receipt and return inclosed duplicate bills, Also order of payment.

The

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receipts should be signed by one of the members of your firm.

Yours, respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

5 inclosures.

Oct 19th 1878.

Sir:

The foreman of the Melting & Refining department of this Mint having reported that the work of repairing the furnaces is completed and everything in good condition for resuming operations, and recommending a temporary reduction of force, I have upon his written request suspended, E. B. Neal and James Parker, for the reason that their services are no required.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Oct 22nd 1878.

Messrs Parker, Scheutze & Ley,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs;

The Superintendent has instructed me to write you that your services will not be required here in the Mint, until the 15th Dec and will inform you at that time if needed; the times here are very critical and it would not be advisable for any one of you to venture here. Hoping you will comply with the above instructions, I remain Yours truly

W. A. Maes.

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Oct 22nd 1878.

Sir; I have the honor to inform you that your recommendation, dated 8th inst. to increase the compensation of the workmen named below, has been approved by the Superintendent of this Mint and also by the Director at Washington, as follows.

Ange Palms,	from	$3,00,	to	$3.25	per diem.
John Shepperby	"	" 2,75,	"	" 3,00	" "
John Donovan	"	" 1,75,	"	" 2,00	" "
Emile Mary	"	" 1,75,	"	" 2,00	" "
James Rostrup	"	" 2,00,	"	" 2,25	" "
Alex Mouton	"	" 2,75,	"	" 3,00	" "
Hiram Follet	"	" 2,00.	"	" 2,25	" "
Emile N. Richard	"	" 2,50	"	" 2,75	" "
John Donellan	"	" 2,00,	"	" 2,25	" "

Yours, very respectfully
T. J. Tracy
Chief Clerk

Dr. Mr. F. Bonzano.
Comer.
U. S. Mint. N. O.

Oct 26th 1878.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst containing the information of Leopold Clark and Benj F Butler has not been received by you. I am directed by the Superintendent to inclose a copy of a letter which was mailed to you on the 24th of September. ult

Very respectfully.
J. J. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Hon A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Oct. 28th 1878.

Sir:

I have to ask that you will do me the favor to send for the use of this Mint a supply of blanks for making proper returns of:

1. Furniture,
2. Old materials sold,
3. Amount received from assays
4. Stationary on hand.

Also blank requisitions for blanks, books, stationery, &c, I have none of these forms on hand, nor any form of requisition for those things which are to be obtained of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Oct 28th 1878.

Sir:

Agreeably to the inclosed request of the Coiner of this Mint, I have this day appointed Thomas Freeman to be blacksmith in the Coining Department, at the compensation of $2.75 per day. The appointment to date from the 1st November prox.

Henry Ellwell, blacksmith, is also upon the request of the Coiner dismissed from service.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your approval.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

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Oct 2d: 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ult. I have to say, that for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1878. No sales of old material were reported to me from any department of this Unit.

Also, that no assays were made during the same period, and nothing received from that source

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Unit.
Washington, D.C.

Oct 2d: 1878.

Sir:

On the 27th September ult, I wrote you to inform you that I had fixed the compensation of Jules Gouzy, appointed Sept 18th at $2.75 per diem, and of Fredk Schubert appointed on the 24th at $2.50.

As I have received no response, I apprehend the letter may not have been received by you.

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman,
Director of the Unit.
Washington D.C.

Oct 31st 1878.

Sir:

To-morrow (November 1) being All Saints' Day, the business of this Mint will be suspended and the attendance of employes dispensed with for the day.

By order of the Superintendent,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Wm. F. Bonzano.
Coiner, and in charge of
Melting and Refining Department.

Nov 2nd 1878.

Sir:

I am satisfied that my letters to you, dated respectively September 24th, 27th & 29th, three in all, have been lost, as your office is yet uninformed of their contents, except in case of the one of the 24th, a copy of which was mailed to you on the 26th inst.

I have now caused to be made, and inclose herein copies of the letters of the 27th, in which the rate of compensation of Gouzy, Schubert Stark and Butler, were fixed and reported to you for approval.

You will observe a slight clerical error in the inclusion of Schubers name among those whose appointments had been approved. It has resulted from the fact that the two names were associated at different dates.

I have received confirmation of Gouzy's appointment; also, this day that of Stark and Butler, But the rate of compensation of all three, as well as that of Schuber, remains unconfirmed.

The latter has obtained a duplicate of his

oath of office, which is herein inclosed.

Very respectfully.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.

November 7, 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the nomination of Mr. F. Bonzano, Coiner, Edgar Barker Adams the workman in this Mint at the rate of $2.50 per day. Your approval is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.

November 9th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein a request from Mr. F Bonzano for certain machinery required for the Coining Department of this Mint, which can be made better, cheaper, and with more despatch at the North than here. In accordance with suggestions contained in your letter of the 11th ult. I have to respectfully request that you order this work to be done according to the plans and specifications of the Coiner, and have the same shipped to this Mint at the earliest practicable moment.

The drawings referred to in Mr. Bonzanos letter also accompany this.

very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

November 9th 1878.

Sir;

I have appointed Wm. Thomas H. Jenks to be the Messenger of this Mint at a compensation of $3.50. per day. Your approval is respectfully requested.

Yours, very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

November 9th 1878.

Sir.

I have to request that you will inform me of the names of employes of this Mint, in New York and Philadelphia who have been paid for the Months of September and October by draft from Washington, and the amount to be paid each respectively.

Wm. Parker the bookkeeper is the only one of these employes who has been paid here.

very respectfully.
Michael Hahn
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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November 9th 1878.

Sir:

I have received a communication from Dr. W. F. Bonzano, Coiner, in which he suggests that a necessity exists of having sent out here from the Mint at Philadelphia or other Mints, about six skilled workmen to instruct our men here.

The following is extracted for your information:

"If Mr. Bosbyshell, the Coiner of the Philadelphia Mint, should be able to spare Mr. James, foreman of the machineshop, even for a short time, so as to instruct our men here, I should be extremely grateful to him for the favor. We want one or two men familiar with presses; one for rolling room, one for drawbench and pennches, one plancher and a machinest familiar with Mint work.

If such a detail of skilled workmen as is above suggested by Dr. Bonzano be practicable, I shall deem it a favor if you will make a request for it to the officers of the Philadelphia Mint, or take such action as may accomplish the desired result.

Very respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

November 18th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose a letter to the Genl Freight agent of the Va R. R. Co which I respectfully request you to address properly and post for me. We do not

know the postoffice address of the Company nor the name of the agent.

You will perceive, by reading the letter that we have not yet received the three boxes of Stationery which were shipped from Washington on the 30th. August

Yours, very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Nov. 13th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the three boxes Stationery, consigned to this Mint. which was delivered to your company on the 2d. September by the B. & P. R.R. have not been received,

You will confer a favor by making such inquiries and giving such directions as will lead to their discovery and give them another start in this direction.

Yours very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk.

General Freight Agent
Va M. R. R. Co.

November 14th. 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th. inst. I beg leave to request that the several employes of this Mint, now under instruction at the Philadelphia Mint and the New York assay Office be ordered to report here for 2d. of December.

The Yellow fever has nearly disappeared from this city, though seventeen new cases were reported on Tuesday 12th. inst and a number of all

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cases are still under treatment. There have been no new cases reported since Tuesday and I think there will be no danger by the 1st prox.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Nov 14th 1878.

Sir;

I have appointed, upon the written request of M. F. Bouzano, Comier, A. J. Black to be a machinist in this Mint, at a compensation of $2.50 per day. The appointment is herewith submitted for your approval.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

(2 inclosures)
Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Nov 14th 1878.

Sir;

The inclosed request of Dr. M. F. Bouzano Comier, is respectfully forwarded to you for your information and action.

You will confer a favor by issuing such orders as will enable us to receive the guages and the measures for diameters at an early day.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.
1 inclosure

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Nov 15th " 1878.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer
New Orleans, La,
Sir:

I have received your Statement of my disbursing account dated November 1. 1878. and find the balance, viz: $ 9930.03. therein reported, to be correct.

I have also examined the numbers, dates and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

New Orleans La.
November 15th " 1878.

New Orleans, La.
Six thousand dollars —
$6,000. ——————————

December 31st, 1878.

9
June 28th " 1878.

New Orleans. La.	$2,000.
New Orleans	" 3.000.
do	" 1,000.
	$6,000.

Michael Hahn,

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November 16th 1878.

Sir:

As I expect all the employes of this Mint who were recently or are now in the Philadelphia Mint or New York Assay office, to report here for duty on or before the 2d day of December next, provision will be made for their payment here when they arrive. It will not be necessary, therefore, for you to continue to pay them by draft from Washington, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Nov 16th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herein reports of my receipts and disbursements on account of this Mint, for the Month of September, 1878.

This report has been unavoidably detained by the absence of some of the late employes in the coining department who could not sooner return to sign the pay roll. One of them, Hiram Follet, has not yet come for that purpose, but I do not feel at liberty to hold this report any longer. When Follet returns, he will be paid and an ordinary receipt taken and forwarded to you

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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November 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have to inform you that three official letters directed to the Director of the Mint at Washington D.C. and mailed from this Mint as follows, viz: one on the 24th of September 1878. and two on the 27th of the same month, have failed to reach their destination. These letters contained important information, but no inclosure of pecuniary value. Their loss caused some delay and inconvenience.

The object of this communication is to afford you a basis for inquiry, to ascertain if possible with whom the fault lies.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Genl A.S. Badger,
Postmaster,
New Orleans, La.

November 16th 1878.

Mr. F. K. Jones,
Cleveland. Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter to me, from Cleveland, without date, I have to say that a draft for amount of your November pay, will be sent you, upon your sending to some person in this city your authorization to sign the pay roll for you. Unless you prefer some one else you had better send your authorization to F.S. Tracy chief clerk of this Mint, who will attend to this matter for you.

Yours respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent

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November 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have sent to you this day by express a box, received from Dr. F. Bonzano, coiner of this Mint, containing parts of the coining press to which he wishes to have dies fitted.

Drawings of the steel stop, stake, wedge &c referred to in the coiners letter a copy of which is inclosed, have been sent to the Director of the Mint at Washington, with a request that he authorize you to prepare and adjust to the parts sent you such dies as we shall be required to use in this Mint.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Penn.

Nov. 18th 1878.

Sir:

The inclosed letter and accompanying drawings, received from the coiner of this Mint are respectfully forwarded to you for your action, with a request that you will authorize the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to prepare and fit such dies as we shall be required to use here.

The parts of the coining press to which the dies are to be fitted together with a copy of Dr. Bonzanos' letter have been sent by Express to Superintendent Pollock.

Very respectfully.
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

November 19th. 1878.

Wm. J. E. Hughes.
Granada, Miss.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 14th. inst. I am directed by the Superintendent to say.

For the present this Mint is not prepared to purchase or to receive silver bullion, of any kind, whether in Coin or otherwise. As soon as the machinery is ready to work, we shall probably purchase, upon sealed proposals from the lowest bidder, silver at an agreed rate, per ounce for fine metal Mexican Dollars will be rated according to their actual weight and fineness, both of which are known with some degree of accuracy, but the price will be according to the market.

Very respectfully,
T. J. Tracy,
Chief Clerk

November 19th. 1878.

Wm. J. G. Johannes,
Washington. D.C.

Sir;

I am directed by the Superintendent to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 12th. inst, and to say to you in reply:

The positions in this Mint, such as assistes to the Assayer, Coiner and Melter and Refiner, and all the workmen and employes in the three departments, can only be filled by the Superintendent, upon the written nomination of the head of the department in which the position exists.

It is necessary therefore for ap-

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applicants to address their applications to the operative officer in whose department they desire a place.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

November 21st 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed, upon the request in writing, of Mr. F. Bonzano, Comier, Alexis Serapkin Herbet, to be a machinist in this Mint, at a compensation of $2.50 per day.

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

November 21st 1878.

Sir:

As sometimes occasions occur, on account of sickness and other causes, when it is proper to excuse the attendance of night watchmen, I have deemed it proper to appoint William Steinli to be supernumerary. The Captain of the watch will be authorized to send for the supernumerary in case of the necessary absence of one of the watchmen

The compensation will be the amount which would be allowed the principal in case of service

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

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November 22nd 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish Stationery for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30. 1879. as follows.

10	reams	Letter headings like sample	A.
10	"	" 1/2 Sheets backed " "	B.
2	~~lbs~~	Envelopes No 6 " "	C.
1	"	" " 8 3/4 " "	D.
1/2	"	" " 9 2 " "	E.
1 1/2	"	" " 8 3/4 " "	F.
1	"	" " 9 2	G.
6	reams	foolscaps 14 lbs.	
6	"	Letter 12 "	
6	"	Commercial note	
1	gross	A. W. Faber black lead pencil No 2.	
2	doz	do red & blue do	
6	gross	steel pens.	
1/2	do	Pen holders,	
2	Boxes	Mc Gills fasteners,	
1/2	doz	paper shears,	
1/2	"	Inkstands, 3/2 inch,	
1	"	Ivory holders,	
1	"	Copying brushes,	
1	~~lb~~	Pins,	
1	doz	Mt, letter copying books,	
1	"	Letter files,	
1	"	Arnolds fluids Ink, quarts,	
1/2	"	do copying do. do.	
1	"	Bixbys mucilage, do.	
25		Sheets oil paper.	
1/2	ream	card blotter,	
2		boxes sealing wax,	
2	doz	memorandum.	

To the Secty of the Treasury
Washington. D. C.

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

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November 22nd, 1878.

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose herein a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for a supply of Stationery for this Mint, for the six months ending June 30. 1879.

We shall also want a supply of deposit cards showing the weight of gold and silver bullion before and after melting, but we have no samples of them in this office. I beg to request you to furnish us with enough of these cards for the six months ending June 30th 1879.

I have included memorandum blocks in the inclosed requisition; also ink and mucilage, though circular No. 151 requests that the last named articles be ordered only on the July requisition, on account of danger of freezing in cold weather, As none of the articles of stationery ordered in July have yet been received we are out of both ink and mucilage, without any neglect of our own or the Treasury department. These articles can be safely shipped to the South at any time before the first of January

very respectfully.

Michael Hahn.

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Nov 22nd 1878.

Manager, Western Union Telegraph.

Sir:

I beg leave to call your attention to the fact that a dispatch (No 696) dated Philadelphia, November 18th inst. from H. R.

Linderman, Director of the Unit, to the Superintendent of this Unit, is charged as 83 words, equal to $6.64, You will perceive this is above the government rates,

The correct charges should be 47 words, equal to $2,62,

Yours respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk,

Nov 22nd 1878.

To the President of the
Crescent City Waterwork Co.
New Orleans . La.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to request you to call at this Unit at any time during the day (tomorrow) 23d inst, to consult with Dr. Brizano, the Coroner, about obtaining the consent of your Company to lay a pipe from this Unit to the river.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

November 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send for the use of this Unit, the following blanks.

15 Pay rolls of workmen.
10 Accounts Current, ordinary Expenses.
10 Abstracts, ordinary Expenses.

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

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November 23rd 1878.

Wm F K. Jones.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Inclosed please find amount of $1104.
invested in sight draft to your order, the same being in full for your pay for the month of November, 1878. and sent as per your authorization, dated Cleveland, Ohio. Nov 19th 1878.

Yours, respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

November 23rd 1878.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano.
Coiner

Sir:

By direction of the Superintendent I send You herein inclosed copy of Statement of diameters of each denomination of coin, plain and milled planchets.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

November 25th 1878.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano.
Late Assayer in Charge.
U.S. Mint, N.O. La

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to hand you the inclosed copy of a letter received from the first Comptroller, relative to the adjustment of the account for ordinary expen-

expenses of this Mint. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878.

Yours very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

November 25th 1878.

Dr. W. F. Bonzano,
Late Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint N. O. La.

Sir.

I am directed by the Superintendent to hand you the inclosed copy of a letter received by him from the First Comptroller, relative to the adjustment of the account for ordinary expenses of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878.

Yours, very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

November 25th 1878.

Dr. W. F. Bonzano.
Cosier, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

By direction of the Superintendent, I send herewith a copy of a letter received this day, from the Director of the Mint; viz:

"Treasury Department
Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C. Nov 22. 1878.

"Michael Hahn, Esq.
"Supt Mint, U. S. New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst transmitting a communication from Jno Cosier

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accompanied by diagrams of parts of presses, and requesting that certain parts of machinery be prepared for your use at the Mint at Philadelphia.

"I have instructed the Superintendent of that Mint to comply with your request, and also to cause to be prepared for the use of your Mint, the following dies for the calendar year 1879. viz:

Double Eagle	5	obverse	5	reverse
Eagle	5	"	5	"
Half Eagle	5	"	5	"
Quarter Eagle	5	"	5	"
Standard Silver dollar	20	"	20	"

"The above dies will be prepared and transmitted to you as early as may be practicable

"Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

(signed)

I am, Sir.

Very respectfully yours,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

November 26th. 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th. the Superintendent, inquiring "when we may expect the account books and blanks for the coining department &c. I am instructed to inform you that a letter received from the Director of the Mint, dated November 23rd. states that a supply of books and blanks (as per schedule inclosed) was shipped to

this Mint on the day the advice was written.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.

Dr. W. F. Bonzano.
Coiner U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

November 26th 1878.

Dr. W. F. Bonzano.
Coiner. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The inclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, by the Engraver is respectfully handed you for your information.

Superintendent Pollock recommends that the additional measurements called for be furnished by this Mint to the Engraver to enable him to comply with the request contained in your letter of the 16th inst.

Very respectfully,
T.G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

November 27th 1878.

Sir:

Tomorrow (Thursday, November 28th) having been designated by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving, the business of this Mint will be suspended with for the day.

By order of the Superintendent.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Joseph Albrecht
Assayer, U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

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November 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have, upon the recommendation of Mr. F. Bonzano, Coiner, increased the rate of compensation of certain workmen of this Mint 25 cents per day, as follows, viz:

Auge Palms from	$3.25	to $3.50.
Jules Gouzy "	2.75	" 3.00,
Fred'k Schuber "	2.50	" 2.75.
John Donovan "	2.00	" 2.25.
Emile Mary "	2.00.	" 2.25
Matthew Benget "	2.00.	" 2.25
Wm. Robinson "	2.00.	" 2.25
James Rostrup "	2.25.	" 2.50
Emile N. Richards "	2.75	" 3.00
John Douellan "	2.25	" 2.50
Miram Follet. "	2.25.	" 2.50

Your approval is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Nov 29th 1878.

General Freight. Agent.
Atlantic Mississippi & Ohio R. R.
Lynchburg. Va.

Sir:

On the 6th of September, ult, three boxes of Stationery consigned to this Mint from the Treasury Department at Washington, were delivered to your company by the Virginia Midland Rail Road Company, since that date nothing has been heard

of this freight.

You will confer a favor by making such inquiries as shall lead to the discovery and forwarding of same.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

November 29. 1876.

Wm. D. T. Parker.
Mobile, Alabama.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst inquiring of the Superintendent of this Mint the price paid for mutilated silver coins - dimes and five cent pieces, I am instructed to say:

All silver coins which are uncurrent from any cause will be received and paid for as bullion at so much an ounce for fine metal.

United States Coin are nine tenths fine, The price per ounce will be according to the market for silver at the time of sale. We shall not, probably be prepared to purchase silver bullion before the latter part of December, or the first of January, according to instructions recently issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, it is probable that purchases of bullion will be made for the Mints upon sealed proposals, and from the lowest bidders. the purchases being limited to a certain amount per week.

Yours very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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November 30: 1878.

Messrs Gaston, Poole & Co.
Wilmington, Del.

Gents.

At the request of Dr. W. J. Bingaman, the Coiner of this Mint. I write you to inquire when the machine for grinding rolls, which was ordered for this Mint in August will be ready for shipment.

A considerable portion of the machinery ordered has arrived, and is being rapidly put into position, and it is desired that everything shall be in complete running order as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dec. 2. 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein a letter the Coiner of this Mint, giving the measurements asked for, by your Engraver, Mr. Barber.

I also send you to-day, by express a box containing a ring and two collars referred to in Dr. Bingaman's letter

I respectfully ask that the recommendations of the Coiner be adopted, and the articles he asks for be prepared and sent to this Mint.

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Penn.

United States Mint.
At New Orleans, La.
December, 2nd 1878.

November 1878.

100	—	100.	$100.	—	—	100.	$100.
84	—	84.	„168.	8.	16.	76.	152.
164	—	164.	„462.	17.	31.	137.	411.
169	—	169.	1014.	12.	72.	157.	942.
48	—	48.	336.	2.	14.	46.	322.
—		—	—	—	—	—	—
43.	—	43.	516.	1.	12.	42.	504.
74.	—	74.	1110.	2.	30.	72.	1080.
42.	—	42.	1008.	2.	48.	40.	960.
—		—	—	—	—	—	—
714		714	$4714.	244.	$243.	670.	$4471

Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Dec 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed, in the general department of this Mint the following named persons at the rates of compensation annexed.

William Tennant, laborer, @ $3. per diem.
Samuel Jacobs, do " " 3. " "
Thomas W. Wickham do " " 3. " "

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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December 3rd 1878.

Sir;

I have increased the rate of compensation of Thomas H. Jones, the Messenger of this Mint from $3.50 to $4.50, to date from the 1st inst, your approval is respectfully asked for,

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

December 3rd 1878

Sir:

I beg to inclose herein my account of receipts and disbursements on acct of ordinary Expenses of this Mint for the Month of October 1878.

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

December 3rd 1878.

Sir:

I beg to inclose herein my account of receipts and disbursements on account of Ordinary Expenses of this Mint for the Month of October.

Very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

December 4th, 1878.

Wm. James B. Moore

Cameron, Texas.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry, dated Nov. 29 ult, about the purchase of Mexican coin for account of this Mint, I have to say:

All descriptions of silver, except current U.S. coin, are regarded as bullion, and purchased as such for the use of the government. Purchases are made from time and paid for per ounce troy, fine. The price is dependent upon the market at the time of delivery. A recent order of the Secretary of the Treasury directs purchases to be made upon sealed proposals, which are to be invited by advertisement, calling for a certain amount at stated times. This Mint is not yet prepared to receive silver bullion, but we expect to be ready by the middle of this month, when doubtless the proper notice will be given.

Yours respectfully,

T. G. Tracy,

Chief Clerk.

December 5th, 1878.

Sir:

I have increased the rates of compensation of the following named employes of the General Department of this Mint, as per the figures annexed.

Nicolas Dawson, weigher from $4 to $4.75 per day
Elias R. Levy, Computing Clerk " " 3 " " 4.75 " "
Isaac Bates, Laborer " " 2 " " 2.50 " "

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Michael Hahn

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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Dec 6th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the increase of pay of the eleven employes in your department recommended by you on the 25th ult. has been ordered by the Superintendent and approved by the Director of the Mint as follows, the said increase to take effect from the 1st Dec inst:

Auge Palms	from	$3,75	to $3,50	per diem.
Jules Gouzy	"	" 2,75	" 3	" " "
Fredk Schuber	"	" 2,50	" 2,75	" " "
John Donovan	"	" 2	" 2,25	" " "
Emile Marq	"	" 2	" 2,25	" " "
Matthew Bergert	"	" 2	" 2,25	" " "
Wm Robinson	"	" 2	" 2,25	" " "
James Rostrup,	"	2,25	" 2,50	" " "
Emile N. Richards	"	2,75	" 3	" " "
John Donnelan	"	2,25	" 2,50	" " "
Hiram Follet	"	2,25	" 2,50	" " "

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Dr. F. Bonzano,
Coiner U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Dec 7th 1878.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the three boxes of stationery shipped to this Mint by the Department per Baltimore and Potomac railway on the 30th August, have not been received.

I have caused inquiries to be made which have resulted in tracing these boxes to Lynchburg

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Va, where they were delivered by the Virginia Midland railway to the Atlantic, Ohio & Mississippi R. R. on the 5th inst. of September, An inquiry which was addressed to the Freight agent of the last named road has failed to elicit any reply.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington, D. C.

Dec 7th 1878.

Sir:

I beg leave to respectfully submit for your approval the following appointments which I have made in the General Department of this Mint, at the rates of compensation annexed.

George Antz, janitor, at $4.75 per diem.
Ernest Joubert, conducta " " 4.25 " "
Leonard Lewell, helper " " 3.50 " "
Horace Vallas Conducta " " 3.00 " "

very Respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

December 9th 1878.

Sir:

On the 26th of last August I forwarded to you a letter from Dr. M. F. Bonzano, recommending the purchase of a machine for grinding rolls, and suggesting Messrs J. Norton, Poole & Co. of Wilmington, Delaware as the manufacturers

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of a machine, which from the description appears to be suitable.

We have not yet heard what action was taken by the Director upon the recommendation I beg leave to ask you when we may expect the grinding machine to be ready for shipment, if it has been ordered by you.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

December 10th 1878

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein a request from Dr. M. F. Bonzano, coiner of this Mint, for the purchase, through the Director, of certain descriptions of cast steel bars for the use of his department.

Also, a request that the superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized to cause to be made and sent here four collars for our new coining dies, to conform to the description in the sketch, which is also herein inclosed.

I have approved the suggestions of the Coiner, and respectfully ask You to give the necessary orders to carry them into effect.

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

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New Orleans, La.
December 12th 1878.

New Orleans. La.
Twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.)

December 31st 1878.

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June 28th 1878.

New Orleans. La.		$2.000.
do		" 4,500.
do		" 2,500.
Repairing Machinery do		" 3,000.
		12,000.

December 13th 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the written nomination of Dr. W. F. Bonzano, the coroner of this Mint, the following workmen at the rates of compensation annexed:

Oscar McClean.	at	$ 2.25 per diem.
Charles R. Mahoney	"	" 2.25 " "
John McCue	"	" 2.25 " "

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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December 13th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein for return, voucher No 62, properly receipted,

Also my abstract of ordinary expenses, corrected, and acct current, made to conform to the correction noted on the abstract,

I have instructed the Cashier, to place the items for salaries and the wages of workmen on the abstract of ordinary expenses.

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

December 13th 1878.

Messrs A. H. Andrew & Co.
Chicago. Ill

Gents:

A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, notifies the Superintendent of this Mint, that certain articles of furniture have been ordered of your firm to be sent and sent up here at any early date.

By direction of the Superintendent I write to ask you to inform us about what time we may expect it to arrived.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dec 14th 1878.

The Judge of U. S. Circuit Court.
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent of this Mint to ask you to excuse the attendance of John W. Donellan, an employe of the Coining department, who has been summoned as a petit juror in your Court,

The Coiner is engaged in putting up machinery and requires the full force of his assistants.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk,

December 14th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose herein for your information copies of letters just received:

I From Superintendent Jas Pollock, of the Philadelphia Mint, relative to dies, collars and gauges,

II From Henry Troemner of Philadelphia, relative to adjusting scales ordered for this Mint, by the Director.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano.
Coiner U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

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December 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein my account of receipts and disbursements for ordinary expenses for account of this Mint during the month of November 1878.

very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

December 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the written nomination of Dr. M. F. Bonzano: Coiner, Jacob Knudert to be a workman in this Mint, at the compensation of $2.25 per diem.

Respectfully submitted for your approval
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

December 17th 1878.

Sir:

In returning the inclosed receipt for stationery, I beg leave to say that one of the ~~2~~ oz. bottles of Mucilage was taken in the box, and there were but five quart bottles. It did not appear that the missing bottle had been placed in the box.

Also, that in my requisition I asked for files which would be suitable for

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pasting and keeping official letters for ready reference, he need about a dozen of these. Also, four dozen memorandum blocks for the computing clerk.

I will thank you, therefore to send to this Mint at your earliest convenience, twelve ready reference files to hold letters, and four dozen memorandum blocks. Please send the plainer ones.

Very respectfully.
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington, D. C.

December 17th 1878.

Hon Benj F. Flanders,
U.S. Assistant Treasurer
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

During my temporary absence, the duties of Superintendent of this Mint are by the 9th section of the coinage act, approved Feby 12th 1873. devolved upon the Chief Clerk, T. G. Tracy, who is authorized to act as Superintendent, and do and perform all the official acts necessary for the transaction of the business of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Michael Hahn.
Superintendent.

December 17th 1878.

Sir:

I inclose, herein, a request of the Cashier of this Mint, for the purchase of a supply of black lead pots, crucibles, covers and glass matrasses which I respectfully ask you to have

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ordered and sent to this Mint as soon as may be practicable,

I have sent you, to-day by Express a box containing the sample glass matrass referred to in the covering letter.

very respectfully,
Michael Kahn.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1878.

Sir:

The enclosed requisition for certain supplies for the Assayers department is respectfully referred to the Director with the request that you order the articles enumerated by Dr. Albrecht, and have them sent to this Mint at an early day.

very respectfully,
F. A. Tracy,
Acting Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

December 19th, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein the oath of Oscar McClean, workman in the coining Department, whose appointment is of date 13th inst.

very respectfully
F. A. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

December 19th. 1878.

Messrs A. H. Andrews & Co.

Chicago. Ill.

Gents:

Referring to your favor of the 16th inst. I have to say, that we shall be very glad to receive the furniture as early as the 1st Feby if convenient to you.

Respectfully,

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

December. 23rd. 1878.

Sir:

I have, upon the written request of Dr. Jos Albrecht, assayer. of this Mint, increased the compensation of George G Convers, assayer clerk from $3. per diem, to $1600. per annum, the same being the amount allowed for the purpose by Public Act No 135. approved June 19. 1878. making appropriation for the expenses of this Mint.

When Wm. Convers shall be entitled to this increase of pay he will be paid from the appropriation for officers and clerks.

I respectfully ask your approval, and also that you communicate your decision by telegraph.

very respectfully,

T. G. Tracy.

Acting Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

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December 23rd, 1878.

Sir:

It occurs, from time to time, that certain employes of this Mint, have been drawn as jurors in the United States Circuit Court. In one case, the judge declined to excuse the man who was drawn, though a formal request was preferred to that end.

You will please instruct me as to the wishes of the Director in such cases. I understand that the U.S. Courts usually follow the local laws in matters of practice, and the laws of this State exempt from jury service officers of the U.S. Government; the question presented, seems to me to be whether any employe of the Mint is an officer within the meaning of the statute, and whether it is the duty of the Superintendent of this Mint, to accept the ruling of the judge as a finality or make further efforts to get employes, who may be cited on the panel, excused.

Very respectfully:
T. G. Gracey,
acting Superintendent

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

December 21st 1878.

Wm. M. Murphey.
Waco, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of inquiry of the 16th inst just received, it is difficult to fix the exact value of the Mexican dollar.

As soon as the Mint can be put in working order, we shall buy silver bullion at the lowest current price, The quantum now is in the neighborhood of $1,04 per ounce of fine silver.

The Mexican dollar is .903 fine, and weighs about 417/2 grains. This would make the price about 84 1/2 per dollar.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

December 24th 1878.

To-morrow "Christmas" being a holiday, the business of this Mint will be suspended, and the attendance of employes dispensed with, so far as the same may not interfere with the proper care of the building.

T. G. Tracy.
Actg Superintendent.

To all Departments.

December 26th 1878.

Sir:

Referring to your inquiry as to the time this Mint will be ready to buy silver I beg leave to say.

Before we can make purchases of, or receive silver, it will be necessary for the Melter and Refiner to be present. The office has been vacant for some months, but has re-

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cently been filled by appointment. The new appointee is now executing his bond.

Also, the newly appointed Superintendent is expected to arrive by the 1st. prox., & it is likely we shall be ready to buy silver, therefore, a few days after New Year.

very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. John Henry.
127. Gravier St.
New Orleans.

December 27th. 1878.

U.S. Assistant Treasurer,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your statement of my disbursement account, dated Dec 1st. 1878, and find the balance, viz: $ 15.458.18 therein reported correct.

I have also examined the numbers and and dates and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy,
Act Supt U.S. Mint.

December 30th. 1878.

Sir:

I have, upon the written request of Dr. M. F. Bonzano, Coiner, of this Mint increased the compensation of the following named workmen in the Coining department to the amounts named in the figures hereto annexed.

John Shepperly from $3. to $3,25 per diem.
Jules Gouzy " " 3 " " 3,25 " "
Fred Schuiter " " 2,75 " " 3,00. " "
Wm Robinson " " 2,25 " " 2,50 " "
John Donovan " " 2,25 " " 2,50 " "
James Rostrup " " 2,50 " " 2,75 " "
Emile N. Richards " " 3,00 " " 3,25 " "
E & B. Adams " " 2,50 " " 2,75 " "
Benj. F. Butler " " 2,00 " " 3,00. " "
Oscar McClean " " 2,25 " " 2,50 " "

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

Henry S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

December 30th 1878.

Sir:

I have appointed, upon the written request of Dr. W. F. Bonzano, Melter and Refiner, the following named employés at the rates of compensation hereto annexed,

			per diem
Thos Friedman,	general foreman,		$6,75
Andrew Rostrup,	foreman	Melting Room	" 5.00.
F.K. Jones	"	Deposit room	" " 5,00.
Louis Leclerc	general	workman	" " 3.00.
John Shepperly,	carpenter &	Silver melter	" " 3,25.
William McCoy	Silver	Melter	" " 2,00.
James Rostrup	"	"	" " 2,75.
Hiram Follet	"	"	" " 2,75.
Emile N. Richards	"	"	" " 3,25.
George H. McCoy	"	"	" " 2,00.
Wm T. Friedmann	"	"	" " 2,25.
Edward B. O'Neil	"	"	" " 2,00.
James Parker	"	"	" " 2,00.

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John Hanly	per day	$ 3,00.
Michael Brady	" "	" 2,25.
Oscar M'Clean	" "	" 2,50.
Chas R. Mahoney	" "	" 2,25.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

Henry S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

December 31st, 1878.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that your services will not be required in this Mint on and after tomorrow, January 1, 1879.

Your name will, however, be held in remembrance as that of an applicant, in case there shall be any employment for you.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Thomas Murray,
Laborer U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

December, 31st, 1878.

Sir: I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that your services will not be required in this Mint on and after tomorrow Jany 1, 1879

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Samuel Jacobs
Laborer, U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

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December 31st. 1878.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that your services will not be required in this Mint on and after tomorrow, January 1. 1879.

Your name will however, be held in remembrance as that of an applicant in case there shall be employment for you.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. H. Tennent,
Laborer, U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

December 31st. 1878.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that your services will not be required in this Mint, on and after tomorrow Jany 1st. 1879

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Geo Cintz,
Janitor,
U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 31st. 1878.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to notify you that your services will not be required in this Mint, on and after tomorrow January 1, 1879.

Your name will however, be held in remembrance as that of an applicant in case there

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shall be employment for you.

very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Wm. Ernest Joubert,

Conductor,

U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

December 31st, 1878.

Hon B. T. Flanders.

Asst U. S. Treasurer,

Sir:

The check book lately used by Superintendent Hahn, has remaining in it about 280. blanks.

Do you desire that Superintendent Forte shall use this same book or another? If the latter, please send one by the bearer

very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

United States Mint.

At New Orleans, La.

December 31st, 1878.

December, 1878.

100 —	100, 100	— 6 — 06	— 94.		94.	
76 —	76, 153	. 16	. 32	. 60.		120.
137 —	137, 411	. 11	. 33	. 126.		378.
157 —	157, 942	. 12	. 72	. 146.		870.
46 —	346	, 322	, 8	, 56	, 38	, 266
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
42 —	42,	504.	3	36	39	. 468
72 —	72,	1044.			72	. 1080
40 —	46.	960.	2	48	38	. 912
670 —	670 —	$4471.	58	. 263	. 602	. $4488.

H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

December 31st 1878.

To-morrow January 1. 1879. being a holiday the business of this Mint will be suspended so far as the same may not interfere with the care of the building, or the prosecution of work necessary to be done.

H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

To all departments

December 31st 1878.

Messrs Robert Wetherill & Co.
Chester, Penn.

Gents:

Your bill, dated Dec 26th inst, amounting to $167 50/100, for a Roll grinding Machine, ordered for this Mint, by the Director, has been referred to him at Washington for payment

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

December 31st 1878.

Sir:

The inclosed bill in duplicate, of Messrs Robert Wetherill & Co. of Chester Penna. having been forwarded by them to this Mint through error, is respectfully referred to you for settlement, as in other cases of purchase of Machinery by your direction.

The railroad receipt for this machinery has been received but the freight has not

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yet arrived

very respectfully,
N. J. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon^R R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

December 31st 1878.

Mr. John T. Terrell.
Newtown, Miss.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th inst, and to say:

We are nearly ready to receive for purchase silver bullion on government account. A Mexican dollar weighs 870/1000, oz. troy, and will be rated for the weight of fine silver it contains, its fineness being 903/1000. At present prices a full weight dollar is worth about 84 cents

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

December 31st 1878.

Sir:

On the 21st of this month I received from the Treasurer of the United States a draft for $8.000. being an advance of funds on acct of my disbursemend for ordinary expenses as superintendent of this Mint.

I did not, however, obtain a statement of the amounts to be placed to the several funds respectively for which the draft was drawn. You will confer a favor by sending me the required

information.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

January 2nd 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to report to you the dismissal from service of the following named employes in the General Department of this Mint.

Geo Antz,	Janitor.
Ernest Joubert,	Conductor.
Thos Murray,	Laborer
Wm Tennent,	do
Saml Jacobs	do

These removals have been made for the reason that for the present there is no employment here for the persons dismissed.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Jany 2nd 1879.

Publisher National Republican.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent, to request you to send me copy of the National Republican to this Mint, for one year, and send duplicate bills for payment.

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very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 2nd 1879.

Publishers Picayune.
New Orleans. La.

I am directed by the Superintendent to request you to send the Picayune to the U. S. Mint. for one year.

Present bills in duplicate for payment.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

January 2nd 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I have appointed Richard M. M. Foote to be the Record clerk in the Superintendents' office of this Mint, at a compensation of $6.00 per diem

Mr. Foote is a native and resident of Nashville, Tennessee, and is well known to me personally, as a young gentleman of ability, intelligence, good business capacity and the strictest integrity.

I have instructed him to subscribe the oath of office and forward the same to you to be filed.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.
R. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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January 2nd 1879.

Sir:

I am directed by Superintendent R. M. Foote to notify you that you have been appointed Record clerk in the Superintendent's office of this Mint, at a compensation of $6.00 per diem.

Upon receipt of this you will please subscribe the inclosed oath of office and forward the same to the Director of the Mint at Washington to be filed.

I inclose envelope to be used in sending your oath to the Director.

very respectfully.
T. G. Foote.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. R. M. M. Foote
Nashville, Tenn.

Jany 3rd 1879.

Wm. C. C. Raley.
News dealer,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to request you to furnish this Mint, with a Copy of the London Times, for one year, at the customary rate.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 3rd 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herein the report of ex-Superintendent Kahn, of his disbursements for account of this Mint, during the month of December, 1878. the same being for ordinary expenses.

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No reports of assays have been received, as no assays have been made for the quarter.

Also, there has been no receipts for sales of old material during the past three month.

Very respectfully,

H. S. Foote,

Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D. C.

January 4th 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed, upon the written request of Wm. M. T. Davis, Coiner of this Mint, Wm. Jacob W. Helfrich to be Assistant Coiner at a compensation of $1,200 per annum.

Wm. Helfrich's oath of office is inclosed herein.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

H. S. Foote.

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D. C.

January 4th, 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Mint the following books, which are very much needed.

1. one copy U. S. Revised Statutes.
2. one copy each of Statutes at Large for each year since the revision
3. The Blue Book, Edition of 1877.
4. Copies (say 5) of Public Act No 135

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approvd June 19th 1878.
very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington. D. C.

January 4th 1879.

Sir.

I inclose herein a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for certain books which are indispensably necessary for a proper discharge of my official duties. I will thank you if you will forward it; and also add to the list such books, pamphlets, circulars &c as in your judgement may be useful to me.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

U. S. Mint at
New Orleans. La.
January 7th 1879.

June 30. 1879.

100.	100.
250.	500.
500.	1500.
200.	1200.
50	350
50	500.
50	600.
50	750.

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carried over	1250	5500.
	50	1200.
	50	1500.
	$1350	$8200.

H. L. Foote
Superintendent.

January 7th 1879.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2d inst. requesting me to give my opinion upon the necessity of the increase to pay of certain employes recommended by my immediate predecessor, I have the honor to say:

I find from the correspondence of the late Superintendent on file in this office, the following results:

The compensation of Thomas H Jenks was increased from $3.50 to $4.50. per diem, but disapproved by the Director of the Mint.

That of Nicholas Dawson from $4.00. to $4.75. This was reduced by the Director to 4.50 per diem. and approved.

That of E. R. Levy from $ 3.00. to $4.75 Reduced by the Director to $4.00 and approved

Wm. Geo G. Conver was nominated by the Assayer and appointed by the Superintendent as Assayers clerk, at the compensation fixed by law for that position, viz: $ 1600. per annum

After a careful examination of the merits of each case recited above, it is my opinion that justice has been substantially done to the several parties. I have therefore no

further suggestions to make in the premises at present.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D. C.

January 7th 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein the official oath, of George Conners, assayers clerk, of even date.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

January 7th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herein the official bond and the qualifications of sureties thereon, of Jacob W Helfrich, assistant Coiner of this Mint.

Also, the letter of Wm Davis, explaining the reason why Wm Helfrichs' bond antedates his appointment.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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Janý 7th 1879.

Sir:

Tomorrow Janý 8th being a legal holiday the ordinary business of this Mint will be suspended and the attendance of employes dispensed with.

By order of the Superintendent.

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Wm. F. Bunzano.
Melter and Refiner.
U. S. Mint, New Orleans. La.

January 9th 1879

Sir:

I have to request that you furnish for the use of this Mint the following blanks, the same not being in the list furnish by you.

No. 1. Purchase of Silver Bullion. 100. Copies
No. 2. Purchase of Silver Bullion. 100. "
No. 3. Deposits of Silver Bullion. 100. "
No. 4. Deposits of Silver Bullion. 100. "

Very respectfully
not signed
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 9th 1878.

Sir: I have the honor to inclose the official bond of John. C. Schentze the Deposit Clerk of this Mint.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

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New Orleans, La.
January 9th, 1879.

New Orleans, La.

Five thousand dollars ($5000.)

June 30th, 1879.

9

December 21st, 1879.

New Orleans, La	$ 1,000.
do	1,000.
Repairs and Machinery U.S. Mint at N.O.	3.000.
	$ 5.000.

N. S. Foote.

January 9th, 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry, dated 7th inst. relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion at current market rates, of fine silver. A full weight Mexican dollars, weighs $\frac{870}{1000}$. oz $\frac{903}{1000}$. fine, or net weight of fine silver, about $\frac{2856}{10.000}$. oz. The present market rate is about $1.\frac{05}{11}$ per ounce, which makes a full weight Mexican dollar, worth about 84½ cents. All bullion purchased must, however, be weight and assayed at the Mint.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. S. M. Ethel.
Sherman, Texas.

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January 9th. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th. inst. relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion, at current market rates for fine silver, A full weight Mexican dollar weighs, in fine silver, at rate .7856 oz Troy. unth at present about $1 00 This makes a full rate Mexican dollar unth about 84½ cents.

All bullion purchased by this Mint, will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

Very respectfully.
T. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

A. S. Smith. Esq
Livingston. Ala.

January 9th. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 2d. ult. relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion at current market rates for fine silver. A full weight Mexican dollar weighs, in fine silver about .7856. Troy. unth at present about $ 1.06. This makes a full weight dollar unth 84½ cents.

All bullion purchased by this Mint will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

very respectfully.
T. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Dr. J. F. Cole
White Rock, Texas.

January 9th 1879.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your inquiry of 6th ult re-
lative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the
Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased
by this Mint as bullion at current market rates for
fine silver, A full weight Mexican dollar weighs,
412 fine silver, about .7856 oz. Troy, worth at present
about $1.08. This makes a full weight dollar worth
about 84½ cents.

All bullion purchased by this Mint
will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

T. J. West & Co
Water Valley Miss

Janry 9th 1879.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the 7th
ult, relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by
the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be
purchased by this Mint, as bullion, at current
market rates for fine silver, A full weight Mexican
dollar weighs 412 fine silver, about .7856. oz. Troy worth
at present, about 84½ cents.

All bullion purchased by this Mint
will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Mathes & Craig
Morristown, Tenn.

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Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Mint a blank requisition book for the Coiners' department, copy of which is herein inclosed.

Among the books sent a few weeks ago, was one included for the Melter and Refiner, but none for the Coiner.

Very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

January 9th. 1879.

Publisher, New Orleans Times.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to request you to send a copy of the Times to this Mint, for one year, and present bill for the same in duplicate.

Very respectfully
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

January 9th. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th. inst. relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion at current market rates for fine silver, about, 7866. oz Troy, worth at present about $1.04 per ounce. This makes

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a full weight dollar worth about 84½ cents.

All purchases of silver bullion will be weighed and assayed at this Mint, and will be paid for in U.S. Standard dollars.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

J. L. Evans, Esq.
De Kalb, Kemper Co. Miss.

January 10th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst, relative to Mexican dollars, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion, at current market rates for fine silver, a full weight Mexican dollar weighs, in fine silver, about, 7856. oz. troy, worth at present about $1.06 per ounce, This makes a full weight dollar worth about 84½ cents.

All bullion purchases by this Mint, will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Henry R. Smith, Esq.
Canton, Machine Co. Miss.

January 10th 1879.

National Republican Printing Co.
Washington, D. C.

Gents:

Please make the inclosed bills in duplicate properly receipted by the authorized officers of your company, upon receipt here, a check on New York

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for the amount will be sent you.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 10th, 1879.

Wm. J. P. Prince,
Pardy, Tenn.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 8th inst. I am instructed by the Superintendent to say:

At present Mexican dollars are worth, if full weight, about 84½ cents, as bullion. When this Mint is prepared to purchase bullion, which it is probable will be very soon, and of which due notice will be given, it may be sent to the Superintendent.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 10th, 1879.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. conferring certain recommendations for increase of pay of workmen in the Coining and Melting and Refining departments, I beg leave to call your attention to two cases which appear to have been misunderstood:

1 Emile A. Richards, formerly of the coining department, has been transferred to the Melting and Refiner, and his pay recommended to be increased from $3.00 to $3.25 per diem.

2. John Hanley is retained in the Melting and Refining department with pay increased There is but one workman in this Mint named

Emile N. Richards, though his name appears on both the rolls of the Coiner and the Melter and Refiner, though a clerical error, He properly belongs to the latter, with compensation as above stated.

very respectfully.

H. S. Foote,

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 11th. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed, please find $5, in payment of your bill for the "Progress"

You will please return bill in duplicate receipted by yourself, also sign receipt of pay order herein inclosed and return with the bills.

Yours truly,

H. S. Foote,

Superintendent

Hon John W. Forney
Philadelphia, Penn.

January 13th. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 11th inst, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Silver is only received at United States Mint as bullion purchased for account of the Government, or to be made into fine bars for coiner's use. In no case can it be coined for private account.

We expect to be ready to purchase in a few days, of which due public notice will be given.

very respectfully

T. G. Fraey.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Edwin Belknap.
New Orleans. La.

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Notice to Bullion Dealers

Pursuant to instructions from Washington notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the Director of the Mint in Washington on Wednesday for the sale of Silver Bullion to the government in lots of ten thousand ounces or over, to be delivered at this Mint.

Proposals may be made by telegraph.

N. S. Foote,

Superintendent.

Picayune — 6 times daily

Times — 6 " "

Please notice

January 9th 1879.

Sir:

As no response has yet reached me touching the appointment of an officer for the Mint here to be entitled Record Clerk; I have judged it expedient to say in addition that in proposing to create such an office, I was influenced by the following considerations:

1. Through the labors of such a functionary, I desired to secure a condensed but comprehensive statement of everything done in the Mint whilst under any charge, set forth in clear and unambiguous language, immediately under my own eye, which would constitute, as I think, a valuable book of reference for myself and others associated with me here, and secure the conservation in an intelligible and methodical form of such material facts connected with the working of the Mint, and of such circumstances of a collateral character as might, to a useful extent, facilitate that

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valuable accumulation of practical information which the Director is expected annually to supply to those intrusted with the administration of governmental affairs in Washington.

Having, as an exemplar the appointment of a similar officer in the Philadelphia Mint under the title of "Register" I did not doubt that my action in this matter would have the good fortune to be cordially approved by you.

Very respectfully,

H. L. Foote.

Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D. C.

January 14th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I have the honor to inclose a dispatch from the Director of the Mint to the late Superintendent Mr. Hahn, which was relied upon by that officer as sufficient authority for fitting up this Mint and its several offices and supplying indispensably necessary articles of office furniture and fixtures.

Previously to sending the dispatch referred to the Director informed Superintendent Hahn by letter dated July 15. 1879. "Your Mint has been granted full privileges of a Mint" also, on the same day,

"In consultation with the Secretary this morning, it was determined to proceed as rapidly as possible, to place your Mint in condition for the coinage of silver dollars"

As immediate delivery of the articles was deemed by Superintendent Hahn to be

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~~required~~ by the exigencies of the public service they were ordered by him to be purchased in open market, as provided in section 3709. U.S. Revised Statutes,

In making the semi annual return of Furniture and Fixtures, I conceived the Directors dispatch of august 1st. added to general instructions to "proceed as rapidly as possible" sufficient for the requirements of the return.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Hon Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington. D. C.

January 14, 1879.

Sir:

At the request of the Coiner of this Mint concurred in by the Melter and Refiner, I beg leave to ask that Messrs. Orr. of the firm of Orr Ness & Morgan be sent here from Philadelphia for the purchase of examining our present mechanical arrangement, and also to take measurements and make estimates for a new coining press, hoisting machine, steam riddle and other implements which will be required for the use of this Mint.

I am informed that none of the New Orleans machine shops are prepared to execute orders for Mint machinery with the perfection that is required in the delicate operations of coining and I understood that Mr. Arthur Orr has been for the past thirty years the maker of all our coining presses

As it is likely that this Mint will be called upon for a large coinage of standard

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silver dollars, in addition to the demands upon it for other work, I deem it advisable to prepare for any such contingency, and with this view have made the above request.

Very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

P.S.

The letters of Wm. Davis above referred to is herewith enclosed.

January 14. 1879.

Wm. Edward Belknap.
New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to your note of even date, I have to say, that for the present this Mint is without specific instructions in regard to the charges for making silver bullion into fine bars, but the following are the rates prescribed for the Mint at Philadelphia and the assay office at New York.

For silver bullion fine bars:

Containing less than 600. m. silver	2	cents	per	oz troy
" 600. to 949½	"	"	1½	" " " "
" 950 to 979½	"	"	1	cent " " "
" 980 to 997½	"	"	½	" " " " "

There are other charges for different services, which are more fully illustrated by the book of Instructions, edition of 1874. which I shall take pleasure in showing you if you will call at the Mint

Very

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very respectfully.
S. H. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 15th 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed Wm. Daniel Lemman to be weigh clerk of this Mint at a compensation of $1600. per annum payable out of the appropriation for Officers and clerks, Public act—Ch 135. approved June 19. 1878.

Wm. Lemman has been personally known to me as a gentleman of superior integrity, ability and capacity for many years and one whom I deem well qualified for the position to which he has been appointed.

I inclose herein his official oath bond and qualifications.

very respectfully,
H. L. Forte,
Superintendent.

Hon R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Janry 15th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Please send to this Mint at once the following articles viz:

Eight Gas retorts six feet long, with fittings, and to be the same as furnished to Gas Works in New Orleans.

Send receipted Bill in duplicate, and draft for the amount will be sent you.

very

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very respectfully,
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Evans & Howard.
St Louis. Mo.

I enclose herewith the letter of Mr. Davis for your information.

January 15, 1879.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to say in reply to your letter of the 12th

Mexican dollars are purchased at the Mint of the United State as bullion and paid for according to their weight and assay at, current rates for fine silver, the present price is about 44 cents per dollar. This Mint however, is not as yet prepared to purchase, though we expect to be ready in a few days.

very respectfully,
T. B. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. F.B. Beville.
Macon, Ga.

Jany 15th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 14th inst relative to Mexican dollars. I am directed by the Superintendent to say.

Mexican dollars will be purchased by this Mint as bullion at current market rates for fine silver, about .7836 oz. Troy, worth at present about $1.06 per oz.

This makes a full weight dollar worth about 84/2.

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All bullion purchased by this Mint will be weighed and assayed before settlement.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Bills & Young.
Comwich, Miss.

January 15th, 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 13th inst I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

We are not yet prepared for the purchase of Silver bullion, though we expect to be ready in a few days.

Purchases for account of this Mint are paid for in checks on the U.S. Treasurer at New Orleans, We do not draw on New York

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

D. B. Wright,
Gen'l Bus Agent.
Memphis, Denn.

January 16th, 1879.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your Statement of my disbursing account dated Jany 1st, 1879, and find the balance viz: 7847.15 therein reported to be correct.

I have also examined the numbers dates and amounts of the debit and credit en-

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ries therein reported, and same agree with record

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent

January 16th. 1879.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent of this Mint to request you to call here at as early a day as convenient to yourself.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Col. A. T. Wotnouski,
Architect Public Buildings.
New Orleans. La.

To verify date see page 325 Letters from July 5th. 1878. to April 5th. 1879.

January 9th. 1879.

Sir

I have upon the written request of Wm. M. V. Davis coiner of this Mint, appointed Wm. A. M. Durand to be a carpenter of $3.00 per diem.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.
H. S. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 16th. 1879.

Sir.

At the suggestion of Wm. M. V. Davis, coiner of the Mint, I beg leave to request that you send by Express, a sample of sacks or bags for coin of each denomination of gold and silver that is likely to be coined at this Mint, say:

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Double Eagle, half Eagle, quarter Eagle and silver dollar.

Also, a sample of the carpet-mats used at the annealing furnaces.

Add if practicable the prices paid at the Philadelphia Mint for the above named articles, respectively.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Supt U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Penna.

January 17. 1879.

J. C. Dimes Esq.
Editor Price Current.

Sir:

The New Orleans Mint purchase silver bullion in quantities of less than ten thousand ounces, at the rate, for the present, and until further orders, of $1.08½ per fine silver payable as soon as the assay can be made, by checks upon the U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

January 17th, 1879.

Sir: I have to request that you will send for the use of this Mint 100. Sheets Purchases of Silver Bullion as enclosed sheet. This was in former requisition, but none came.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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Notice to Bullion Dealers.

January 17th 1879.

This Mint is now prepared to receive, melt and assay all gold bullion offered and also to purchase silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, and pay for the same in Standard dollars.

For the present, and until further notice the price will be $1.04½ cents per ounce for fine silver.

Picayune 3 times. N. S. Foote
Superintendent.

January 17. 1879.

Sir:

I am requested by the coiner of this Mint to ask you for information as the proper height of piles of the various denominations of coin, say twenty pieces in a pile.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 17th 1879

Sir:

I have appointed Wm. John W Harmon to be conductor of this Mint at a compensation of $4 per diem.

His oath of office is herein inclosed
Respectfully submitted for your approval.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

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Jany 18th 1879.

Wm. N. N. Clapp.
Treasurer &c
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I inclosed please find $ 6.00 for amount of your bill for Natl Republican of date Jany 13. 1879.

You will sign inclosed receipt to pay order & return to this Unit.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 18th 1879.

Sir:

In consequence of the present ill health of Dr. W. F. Bonzano, requiring him to be confined to his house, and at his request, which I herein inclose, I have appointed Wm. Thos Friedman, General Foreman of the Melting and Refining Department to be acting Melter and Refiner wherever circumstances may prevent the attendance of Dr. Bonzano.

Respectfully submitted for your approval
N. S. Foote
Superintendent

Hon N. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

January 20th 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed Wm. Williams Steele to be Cashier of this Mint in place of Wm. A Mears, at a compensation of $2000. per annum

payable out of the appropriation for officers and clerks for this Mint in act No 186, approved June 19. 1878.

Wm. Slade is a native of Alabama and for many years a resident of Mississippi. He has occupied important positions of trust in banking houses, and resigns the position of Cashier and bookkeeper of one of the large local railroad Companies to accept this appointment.

He has been personally known to me for many years as a gentleman of excellent reputation for integrity and ability.

I have also appointed William A. Maes late Cashier, to be, Chief Messenger, at a compensation of $5.00 per diem,

The oath, bond and qualifications of sureties on bond, of Wm. Slade are herein inclosed, Also, the oath of Wm. Maes.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

N. S. Foote

Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

January 20th 1879.

Sir:

I have, upon the written request of Wm. M. T. Davis, Coiner of this Mint, appointed the following employes in the Coining department, at rates of compensation annexed:

August Peperkorn, Carpenter @ $3. per diem
Mrs. Annie E. Geule adjuster " 1.75 " "
Miss Adele E. Urban do " 1.75 " "
" Anna P. Myers do " 1.75 " "

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Mrs. Emma Kaye adjuster'd $1.75 per diem
Miss Sallie A. Sims do " 1.75 " "

Respectfully submitted for your approval

N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 20th, 1879

Sir:

I have to request that you inform me what is the value of a Standard oz. of silver parted from Gold, also if small deposits of silver are based on London quotations, if so what deductions? and any other information pertaining to the purchase of Silver and Gold Bullion.

very respectfully
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 21st, 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed Walter Thompson and Archibald Glenn to be conductors in the General Department of this Mint, at a compensation of $3.00 each, per diem.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

N. S. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 21st 1879.

Sir;

I inclose your letter of advice of the 18th inst. for your action.

The item "Contingent Expss - $3,000." I conceive should be placed to Repairs and machinery, as it was for that object an advance was asked for and approved by the Director of the Mint, as advised in his letter of the 18th inst.

Very respectfully
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent

Hon Jas Gilfillan.
Treasurer. U. S.
Washington. D.C.

January 21st 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed George Winter to be a laborer in the General Department of this Mint, at a compensation of $2.00 per diem, The appointment is respectfully submitted for your approval.

I inclose Winters oath; and also, the oath of John C. Schentze, Deposit-Clerk the latter having been executed before Judge Billings of the U.S. District Court

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon H.R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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Jany 21st 1879

Sir.

I return the enclosed copy of dispatch to Parker Handy Esqr. as it has been evidently missent.

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

January 21st 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 20th inst, relative to coining Mexican dollars into halves and quarters. I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

This Mint is only authorized to purchase silver bullion and coin Standard dollars for account of the government; Coinage of silver for acct of private parties is prohibited by law.

The price paid for silver bullion is for the present fixed at $1.04½ cents per oz. for fine.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Gen Wm. Rhett
Reinzi, Miss

January 22nd 1879,

Sir:

I return herewith the oath, bond and qualification of sureties on bond of Daniel R. Lemmon, Weigh Clerk of this Mint, the oath

has been taken and subscribed before Hon Edward C. Billings, United States District Judge, and the bond corrected by interlineations by consent of the signers,

I believe the several objections which were raised by the solicitor of the Treasury, have been removed, and hope the papers will be found sufficiently accurate.

Very respectfully,
H. A. Forte.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

January 21st. 1879.

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Having been requested by you to report upon the letter of Thomas Murray, addressed by him to yourself on the 9th. instant, and transmitted under your order to me on the 15th. instant, I have now the honor to state for your consideration the following particulars.

When I assumed the functions of Superintendent here, I found, a somewhat more numerous list of employes in the different departments than seemed to be at the time demanded by the public service. I therefore directed some of the persons thus nominally connected with the Mint, but who either had no labors to perform, or those of a very inadequate nature, to be dropped from the list of employes. There were for instance, three individuals recognized as Porters, when in point of fact two of

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them only seemed at the moment to be needed, I directed the Chief Clerk of the Mint (Mr. Tracy) a gentleman long connected with the Mint, and of proved fidelity and intelligence, to retain of these three persons, the two whom he judged most vigilant and efficient as Porters, and to discharge the third one, in a kind and civil manner, accompanied by a declaration that when a proper vacancy should arise, he would be regarded as occupying a probable attitude for reappointment.

Whilst I was thus contemplating the probable reappointment of the Porter who had been thus relieved from duty, this individual, that is to say, the said Thomas Murray thought proper to complain of his displacement to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

Meanwhile, some relations had been made to me, of a very painful character, seriously involving the reputation of Murray, for integrity and fair dealing, and which I feel bound not to mention, because as matters now stand, it seems to me that the reappointment asked would be both unsafe and discreditable.

The particulars to which I refer may be briefly stated as follows: About the last of November, 1878, a piece of writing was handed by Thomas Murray to a Mr. William Swan - an individual from whom considerable quantities of Ice were from time to time purchased for the use of the Mint. - This slip which I herewith enclose reads thus: "$35. Make your bill according to the above amount." At that time

the proper amount of the bill was $25. Wm. Swan was too honest to join in this attempt to swindle the Government, and immediately made known this discreditable device to the then Cashier of the Mint who brought the whole affair to my knowledge.

Before I drew up this statement, I summoned Murray to appear before me for the purpose of explaining his conduct in this affair, so far as it might be in his power to do so, when he came to my presence he confessed, in the presence of Swan and several other witnesses that he had handed to Swan the slip in question, but denying that he wrote what appeared on the face of the paper, and averring that in point of fact he was not capable of writing at all. He refused to state who had done the writing, or to make any further explanations of this unhappy transaction.

As to Thomas Murray's former services to the Republican cause here. I do not feel called upon to dilate. I ought to add though perhaps that the information which has reached me on this subject would by no means warrant the egregious self-commendation contained in his letter. How far a man of ordinary intellect altogether devoid of mental culture, and who confesses he can barely write his name, could prove useful as the Editor of a newspaper or as a political Stump-Speaker, no one is better qualified to judge, than the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury himself.

In justice to myself, I will subjoin that it is not true, as Thomas Murray states, that when he drew up his letter to the Secretary, or got it drawn up by another, I had appointed any one to his place, and it is my intention to appoint none as Porter to the Mint

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hereafter but honest capable and trustworthy colored republicans.

Having thus reported upon the letter of Thomas Murray as instructed. I have the honor to be very cordially and respectfully your obedient servant.

N. L. Forte
Superintendent
&c &c

January 22nd 1879

Sir:

Our Instructions from the Director of the Mint, authorize the Superintendent of this Mint to pay your travelling expenses to and from Philadelphia and necessary expenses in New Orleans and no more. I can find no authority to pay you for services here.

Very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.
F. W. Trovenner, Esq.

January 22nd 1879.

Sir:

Agreeably to the request of Hon H. R Linderman, Director of the Mint, in his letter of the 30th November 1878. introducing Mr. F. W. Trovenner, I have requested him to examine the transfer scales of this Mint. He has performed this duty with great thoroughness, and reports them deficient.

Mr. W. T Davis, the Coiner has also reported to me in a communication dated 21st inst that he has "not a single balance

pit to perform the ordinary work of weighing strips, clippings, nigots and coin, and that the principle delay in the operations of the Coiners' Department will be occasioned by this want of proper scales.

I have, therefore, to request that you order, for the use of this Mint, from Messrs Trowmer, the following articles:

One 6 foot transper scale, with necessary weights coin & clipping pans,
One 5 foot transper scale, with necessary outfit
One 3 " " " " " "
for the General Department, and the following for the Coiners' Department,
One 5 foot balance with weights and pans.
one 3 " " " " " "
One 3 " " " " "
One small Standard balance
One platform balance

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 22nd 1879

Sir:

I have upon the written request of Wm. M. Davis, Coiner, appointed Wm. Eliza M. Boyce to be an adjuster in the (Mint) Coiners Department of this Mint, at a compensation of $1.75 per diem.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

N. S. Foote
Superintendent

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Sir:

Wm. M. T. Davis, Coiner of this Mint informs me, in a communication of the 21st inst, that it will be necessary for him to have two counting boards of a capacity of $500. each in standard dollars, with tables.

I have to request, therefore, that you authorize the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to cause to be made and sent to this Mint, as early as practicable the boards and tables above described.

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

January 22nd 1879

Sir:

I have appointed Benjamin D Thompson to be janitor in the General Department of this Mint, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem.

As I regard this a position of great trust, I have selected a man for the place who is highly recommended for integrity and intelligence. I have, moreover, exacted from him a bond in the usual form of $500. which, with his oath of office is herein enclosed

very respectfully
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

January 22nd. 1879.

Messrs Madden & Wilson.

Gents:

In order to avoid mistakes & delays in the printing which may be ordered for this Mint, I have to request that you send me a proof of everything before printing.

Very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

January 22nd. 1879.

Sir:

I have upon the written request of the Coiner of this Mint, appointed John F. Kelley. to be the Engineer in the Coining Department, at a compensation of $5.00 per diem.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

N. S. Foote

Superintendent.

Hon H. R Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

January 22nd. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 21st. inst. relative to coining Mexican dollars into halves and quarters, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

This Mint is only authorized to purchase silver bullion and coin standard silver dollars for acct of the Government.

Coinage of silver for acct of private parties is prohibited by law.

The price paid for

silver bullion is for the present fixed at 1.04½ per ounce for fine.

Very Respectfully.
C. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Wilson & Barnes
Mobile. Ala.

January 28th. 1879.

Sir:

In an interview with Colonel A. J. Wolotowski, assistant Supervising Architect of Public Buildings, which was held this morning, I was informed by that gentleman that he had just entered upon the discharge of his official duties; that it is his intention to make a thorough survey of the building, fences, grounds &c of this Mint for the purpose of making the necessary estimates for repairs.

From a hasty examination, however he is satisfied, as he assures me that an appropriation of fully fifty thousand dollars will be required for the purpose of repairs during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1880 As I have not been furnished by Col Wolotowski with the details of specific items to be estimated for. I am unable to furnish you with such particulars as I desire to give you; but hope to be able to do so at an early day.

As the present session of Congress is rapidly drawing to a close. I have deemed it my duty to give you, at as early a day as practicable a. premonition of what is very sure to be required in the near future for the object stated.

I have written to Hon R. L. Gibson member of Congress from the District in which

the Mint is situated, calling his attention, and asking him to (chairman of the committee of appropriations) confer with Mr. Atkins, with a view to have if possible an amendment inserted in the proper appropriation bill, before it will be too late for the due consideration of Congress.

I understand that Mr. Gibson, with the whole Louisiana delegation in Congress is extremely anxious to give this Mint such aid by way of appropriation as will place it upon the best possible footing in every respect, and there is no doubt that any reasonable request of the Department looking to that end will enlist their hearty assistance.

very respectfully,
H. T. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 24th. 1879.

Miss Lou A. Sisson.
Hazleton. Ind.

I am directed by the Superintendent to forward the inclosed letter to your address, as it has evidently been missent by the writer

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 24th. 1879

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to inform you that agreeably to the request of Dr. M. F. Bonzano, Melter and refiner, you have been designated to act as Melter and

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Refiner, during the temporary absence of that officer; and that the action of the Superintendent in the matter has been approved by the Director of the Mint.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Thos. Liederman.
General Foreman, Melting & Refining Dept.
U.S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

January 24th, 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herein a requisition from the Assayer of this Mint, with sample, on a small scale for Assayer's Register for ingots, the same as used in the Philadelphia Mint. I respectfully request of you the favor to order the books to be sent to this Mint as soon as practicable

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon. N. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

January 24th, 1879

Sir:

I beg to request of you information upon the following subjects:

1. What amount of coinage of gold and silver, respectively, per month, will be required of this Mint when in active operation?

2. Is it intended and expected that this Mint prepare fine gold or silver, or commercial bars for depositors?

very

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 25th. 1879.

Sir:

Wm. M. V. Davis, Comer of this Mint. reports to me that there are three old boilers and a steam donkey belonging to the Mint, now lying in the rear of the premises and for which we have no use, the same having been replaced by new ones.

I respectfully suggest that you authorize me to sell these boilers in any such manner either in open market or by proposals, as may seem to you to be proper,

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

January 25th. 1879.

Sir:

The inclosed letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, having been sent to me by mistake, is herewith returned to you

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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Messrs Wilson & Barnes.
Mobile, Ala.

Gents:

In reply to your queries of date 23rd. inst. I have to say:

1. This Mint is ready to receive gold for coinage for private account, and to purchase silver bullion to coin for account of the Government into Standard Silver dollars.

2. We purchase Mexican Coin, and any and every other description of silver bullion and pay for it at the rate, for the present, and until further orders from Washington of $1.12 per ounce, for fine silver. Mexican dollars, if full weight contain about $\frac{783}{1000}$ Oz. of fine silver, and assay about $\frac{903}{1000}$ fine This you perceive will net you about 86 cents per dollar, delivered here.

We pay depositors of gold bullion in U.S. Treasury notes, and for silver bullion in Standard Silver dollars.

Any other information you may require from time to time in relation to the sale of gold or silver to this Mint will be cheerfully and promptly given. In your correspondence with the Mint it is not necessary to inclose postage stamps for answer.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

January 27th 1879.

Editor Price Current.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent

to inform you that Silver bullion is now purchased by this Mint, at the rate of $1.10 per ounce, for 1000 fine. The price is fixed by the Treasury Department at Washington, and the above rate will remain until further orders from that source.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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January 27th 1879.

Sir:

I have to reply to the queries submitted in your favor of the 25th inst, as follows:

1. The Mexican dollars assay about 903/1000 fine, and if of full weight, weigh .87 of an ounce.

2. The bullion value at the present price of $1.10 per ounce for fine silver, is about 86 cents per dollar.

3. The minimum amount receivable in one deposit is $100 worth of bullion, I do not understand that smaller amounts are absolutely prohibited, but they probably would be if the capacity of the Mint were overtaxed by attending to larger deposits.

The price above given is fixed by the Treasury Department, at Washington, and is liable to be increased or diminished at any moment by telegraphic dispatches from the Director of the Mint.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Geo M. Steele.
Raymond, Miss.

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January 27th, 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate for the present, of $1.10, per ounce for 1000, fine in lots of less than ten thousand ounces,

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance, may send by Express and the money will be paid to the Express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given above may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market, as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use whether plate, bars or coin of all kinds, &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh 8/100 oz, and assay, generally $\frac{90\ 2\frac{7}{8}}{100}$ of fine silver, making the price, at the present rate about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. John T. O'Ferrall.
Newton, Miss.

January 27th, 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase

silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate, for the present of $1\frac{10}{100}$. per ounce for 1000, fine, in lots of less than three thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by Express and the money will be paid to the Express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given above may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market, as ascertained from proposals, for large amount.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars, or coin of all kinds &c,

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight weigh about $\frac{27}{100}$. oz, and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$. of fine silver, making the price about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. E. Hughes.

Grenada, Miss.

January 27th 1879

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars, at the rate, for the present, of $1\frac{10}{100}$ per ounce for 1000. fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion, is weighed, melted and

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assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found, Parties living at a distance may send by express, and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given above may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts,

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use whether, plate, bars or coin of all kinds, &c.

Mexican dollars, for instance if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{417}{100}$ oz. and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$ of fine silver, making the price, at the present rate, about 86 cents, per dollar.

Very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. J. F. Cole
White Rock, Hunt Co Texas.

January 27th 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion, for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate, for the present, of $\$1\frac{10}{100}$ per ounce, for fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces,

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the net value is found, Parties living at a distance may send by express, and the money will be paid

to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given above may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars or coin of all kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{27}{100}$ oz, and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$ of fine silver, making the price, at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. G. Jr. Etter.
Sherman, Texas.

January 28th 1879.

Gentlemen:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars, at the rate, for the present, of $1\frac{10}{100}$, per ounce for 1000. fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by express, and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

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The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars or coin of all Kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{27}{100}$. oz, and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{1}{2}}{1000}$. of fine silver, making the price, at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Messrs R. J. Hunt & Co.

Water Valley, Miss.

January 2d 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate, for the present, of $1.00 per ounce for 1000. fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint. and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time, by telegraphic orders from Washington following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts,

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars or coin of all Kinds &c.

Mexican dollers, for instance, if of full weight
weigh about 87/100. oz. and assay generally 902 7/100. of
fine silver making the price, at the present rate,
about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs
Winslow Lanier & Co

January 28th. 1879

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase
silver bullion for account of the government
and pay for it in Standard silver dollars at
the rate, for the present, of $ 1 1/100. per ounce for 1000.
fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed
and the value ascertained at the Mint, and pay
ment is made as soon as the net value is found

Parties living at a distance may send by Express
and the money will be paid to the express agent
to be transmitted to the owner

The price given may be increased or
diminished from time to time, by telegraphic
orders from Washington following the course of
the market as ascertained from proposals for
large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all
sorts and descriptions of silver, not too base, for use,
whether plate, bars or coin of all kinds &c.

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of
full weight weigh about 87/100. oz and assay generally
902 7/1000. of fine silver making the price, at the pres
ent rate about 86 cents per dollar

very

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very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Wm. A. F. Edmunds
Paris, Tenn.

January 28th 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the Government and pay for it in standard dollars, at the rate, at present, of $1.14 per ounce for 1000 fine in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained, at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by express, and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time, by telegraphic orders from Washington following the course of the markets as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars or coin of all kinds &c.

Mexican dollars for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{27}{100}$ oz. and assay generally $\frac{90 \text{ to } 7}{1000}$ of fine silver, making the price at the present rate, about 86. cents.

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Wm. James Howe
Cameron Milam Co. Texas.

January 2d 1879

Gentlemen,

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard, silver dollars at the rate, for the present, of $1.14 per ounce for 1000, fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces,

All bullion is weighed melted and assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found, Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the Express agent to be transmitted to the owners,

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time, by telegraphic orders from Washington following the course of the markets ascertained from proposals for large amounts,

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use whether plate bars or coin of kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{87}{100}$ oz. and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$, of fine silver, making the price at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

Very respectfully.
T. S. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Mathers & Craig,
Norristown. Penn,

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January 28th 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate, for the present of $1.10 per ounce for 1000 fine in lots of less than ten thousand.

All bullion as weighed, melted and assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint and Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by express, and the money will be paid to the Express agent to be transmitted to the owners.

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington following the course of the markets ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use whether plate, bars or coins of all kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{87}{100}$. oz, and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$. of fine silver, making the price at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully.

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Mr. A. G. Smith

Livingston, Ala.

January 29th 1879.

Gentlemen:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars at the rate

for the present, of $1.10/100. per ounce for 1000. fine. in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed, and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found.

Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market, as ascertained from proposals for large amounts

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate bars or coin of all kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight weigh about 417/1000. oz. and assay generally 902/1000. of fine silver, making the price, at the present, about 86 cents per dollar.

Very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Wilson & Barnes
Mobile. Ala.

January 29th 1879

Sirs:

The Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in standard silver dollars, at the rate, for the present, of $1.10/100 per ounce, for 1000. fine in lots of less than ten thousand ounces

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made, as soon as the net value is found

Parties living at a distance, may send by express

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and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owners

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time by orders from Washington, following the course of the market, as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars or coin of all kinds &C

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{417}{100}$ oz. and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{7}{10}}{1000}$ of fine silver, making the price at the present rate, about 86. cents per dollar.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Bells & Loving.
Corinth, Miss.

January 29th 1879.

Sir;

This Mint is now prepared silver bullion for account of the government and for it will Standard silver dollars at the rate for the present, of $1.14 per ounce, for 1000. fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the net value is found.

Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given may be increased or diminished from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the

market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate bars coins &c of all kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance, if of full weight, weigh about 417/100 oz. and assay generally 902 7/1000 of fine silver, making the price at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. F. B. Beville.
Macon, Ga.

January 29th 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard silver dollars at the rate for the present of $1 10/100 per ounce per 1000. fine in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the net value is ascertained. Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owners.

The price given may be increased or decreased from time to time by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts.

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars, coins of all kinds &c.

Mexican dollars, for

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instance, if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{17}{100}$ oz, and assay generally $\frac{902}{1000}$. of fine silver making the price, at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. P. Prince
Pindy, Tenn.

January 29th 1879.

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in standard silver dollars at the rate for the present, of $1.10 per ounce for 1000, fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint, and payment is made as soon as the net value is found. Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the express agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The prices given may be increased or diminished, from time to time, by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market as ascertained from proposals for large amounts

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars, coins of all kinds &c

Mexican dollars, for instance if of full weight, weigh about $\frac{417}{100}$ oz and assay generally $\frac{902}{1000}$. of fine silver, making the price, at present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Henry R. Smith.
Canton Madison Co Miss.

January 29th 1879,

Sir:

This Mint is now prepared to purchase silver bullion for account of the government and pay for it in Standard Silver dollars, at the rate, for the present, of $1^{10}/_{11}$ per oz. for 1000. fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed and the value ascertained at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the net value is found, Parties living at a distance may send by express and the money will be paid to the agent to be transmitted to the owner.

The price given may be increased or diminished, from time to time, by telegraphic orders from Washington, following the course of the market, as ascertained from proposals for large amounts;

The term bullion comprises all sorts and descriptions of silver not too base for use, whether plate, bars coins of all kinds &c.

Mexican dollars, for instance if of full weight weigh about $\frac{412}{100}$ oz, and assay generally $\frac{902\frac{1}{2}}{1000}$ of fine silver, making the price, at present rate about 86. cents per dollar.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. S. Evans.
De Kalb.
Miss.

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January 29th, 1849.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the 27th inst. I am directed by the Superintendent to say; This Mint purchases silver, as bullion, for account of the government, at the rate, for the present of $1 10/100. per ounce for 1000. fine

Mexican dollars, if of full weight weigh about 417/100, oz. and assay generally 902 7/10 1000. of fine silver making the price at the present rate, about 86 cents per dollar.

All bullion is weighed, melted and assayed the value ascertained at the Mint and payment is made as soon as the value is found.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Blessing Bros.
Galveston, Texas.

January 29th, 1849.

Sir;

I inclose herein two requisitions from Dr. W. F. Bongano, Melter and Refiner of this Mint for twelve fanning pans, twelve washing pans, two dozen India rubber gauntlets, thirty carboys parting and six do Sulphuric acid.

I have to request that you order these supplies to be purchased and shipped to this Mint.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote
Superintendent

Henn R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Jany 30th 1879.

Sir:

The buying rate for silver has been changed to $1.09 per fine

Respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Joseph Albrecht.
Assayer U. S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

January 30th 1879.

Gentleman.

In reply to yours of the 27th instant I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

Mexican dollars are purchased by this Mint the same as other bullion, the price at present being $1.02 per ounce for fine silver.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Meek & Potts.
Kosciusco, Miss.

January 30th 1879.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 29th Inst. I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

You can ship silver bullion to this Mint through an express agent or consign it to either of the following brokers of this city, who will see to its being properly delivered &c:

Messrs Townsend & Lyman
" Isidore Newman & Bro.
and Mr. J. W. Fairfax.

Payments for purchase of silver bullion are

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generally made within forty-eight hours after delivery of same at Mint.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Geo Jr. Chief.
Raleigh, Miss.

January 30th 1849.

Sir:

I have the honor to ask you the favor of furnishing me with a statement showing the amount of silver bullion and coin respectively received at this port from Mexico, during each of the Calendar years from 1845 to 1848 inclusive.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Geo L. Smith,
Collector of the Port.
New Orleans. La.

Janry 30th 1849.

Publisher German Gazette.

Please correct the Mint "notice to Bullion" Dealers in your papers by making the price paid $1.09 per ounce

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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Jany 30th 1879.

Publishers Democrat,c

Please conect the advertisement of this Mint "Notice to Bullion Dealers by making by making the price paid $ 1.09. in lieu of $1.10. per ounce.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Jany 30th 1879.

Publishers Picayune.

Please conect advertisement to Bullion Dealers of U.S. Mint. by making the price paid $ 1.09 per ounce instead of $1.10.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

February 1st 1879.

Gents:

Referring to your letter to me dated yesterday, I have the honor to say:

My instructions from the Treasury Department, limit my duties, as I conceive, to the purchase of bullion, offered at the mint. I do not feel authorized to buy to arrive, at any price nor can I take at any time from one seller, so much as ten thousand ounces.

A sale of bullion in New York for this Mint should be negotiated through the Director of the Mint, at Washington, whom you may address by telegraph.

The current price is $1.09 for fine silver, but this may be changed at any moment

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by telegraphic orders from Washington.

very respectfully.

H. L. Foote.

Superintendent.

Messrs Seligman, Hellman & Co.,

29. Carondelet St.,

New Orleans, La.

February 1st. 1879.

Sir:

I have to reply to the query submitted in your favor of the 29th ult as follows.

Mexican dollars assay about $\frac{902}{1000}$. fine and if of full weight, weigh about .87 of an ounce

The bullion value, therefore, at the present price of $1.09 per ounce for fine silver, would be about 84 3/4 cents. per dollar.

very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Wm. A. G. Bedwell.

Jazoo City, Miss.

February 1st. 1879.

Sir:

The assayer of this Mint, in a communication dated the 30th. ulto reports the resignation of Mr. R. B. Harrison, assistant Assayer on the 1st. of November 1878.

The Coiner also reports the following changes in his department.

Leopold Stark, never reported for duty dropped from the rolls.

Chas G. del Isle, draftsman discharged for the reason that there was no further

use for his services.

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

recd above

Feby 1st 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herein a requisition from Dr. Jos Albrecht, Assayer for 2 pairs shears forceps and pincers respectively.

I understand the articles required can be obtained at the Philadelphia Mint, and respectfully request you to forward the requisition with authorization to supply the things asked for.

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon. R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

February 1st 1879.

Sir:

I have to reply to the inquiry submitted in your favor of the 29th ult, as follows:

Mexican dollars are worth, at the present price of $1.09 per ounce for fine silver, about .95 cents per dollar. This does not count trade dollars

very respectfully,
T. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Mr F. J. De Bardeleben.
Tuskigee, Ala

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New Orleans, La.
February 1st 1879.

New Orleans. La.
Eighteen thousand ($18.000.) dollars.

March 31st 1879.

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Dec 21st 1878.

New Orleans. La.	$ 1500.
Do	" 6500.
Do	" 3000.
Repairs and Machinery Do.	" 7000.
	$18.000.

N. S. Foote.

February 1st 1879.

Sir:

I send by to days mail my report of receipts and disbursements for ordinary expenses for account of this Mint for the month of January ulto.

I have withheld the pay roll of the Melter and Refiners department from my report for the present for the reason that the money advanced to me from the proper appropriations was insufficient to pay it in full. When funds are received it will be paid, and forwarded to you.

I inclose herein a requisition for $18,000, to meet estimated expenditures for the current month and the deficiency noted above; which I expect will be sufficient to enable me to forward vouchers for all the approved accounts falling due, during the present month.

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

United States Mint.
at New Orleans, La.
February 3rd 1879.

January, 1879.

94 -	94	94	24	24	70	70
60 -	60	120	20	40	40	80
126 -	126	378	93	279	33	99
145 =	145 —	870	35 -	210	110	660
38 -	38.	266	—	—	38	266
39 -	39	468	8	96	31	372
72 -	72	1080	4	60	68	1020
38 -	38	912	12	288	26	624
612	612	4188	196	997	416	3191

N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

February 3rd 1879

Sir:

I have appointed, upon the written request of Wm. M. V. Davis, Coiner, the following employes in the coining department of this Mint at the rates of Compensation annexed to date from this day

Park H. Jeans, foreman of annealers at $3,50 per diem
David McDonald foreman of cutters " 3,50 " "
Thomas Fielding roller " 7,90 " "
Charles Craven weigher " 4,00 " "

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William Webb Keeper @ $2.00. per diem
William Tennant gate Keeper " " 2,50 " "

The oaths of office of the above parties respectfully are herein included.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

N. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

New R. E Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Feb 3rd 1879.

Gents:

Inclosed please find receipt for the consignment of silver bullion, received on Saturday per Express.

You will please endorse it and return it for collection, when it will be paid

As the express messenger refused to enter it for you, it will be proper for you to send it to some city business house for attention. Mr. J. N. Fairfax, 171 Granier Street is a responsible man, who will collect your check, give receipt and remit to you as you may direct.

very respectfully.

N. J. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Wm A. Garnett & Co.
Mobile, Ala.

Feby 4, 1879.

Sir;

Your letter of the 29th January is at hand and contents noted.

It is only necessary to reply to that portion referring to the purchase of silver bullion

which you report to be in considerable quantity in your section of Texas.

Silver bullion of all kinds is purchased by the government for coining into money. Lots of over 10,000, ounces are to be offered by telegraph to the Director of the Mint at Washington. The owner must state the lowest price he will accept for it delivered here. If the rates are satisfactory notice will be sent to this Mint to receive, melt assay and weigh it, and pay for it in standard silver dollars.

For lots under 10,000, ounces, the owners may confer directly with the Mint. The present price paid for such lots is $1.09. per ounce for fine silver, at this rate, a Mexican dollar is worth, here, about 85 cents.

You can send by express, or make your consignment to some house in the city. The result will be sent you as soon as the silver can be melted and assayed, usually in two days.

Very respectfully,
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Wm. J. T. Kilgore.
Abilene. Texas.

February 4th 1879

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst covering express receipt for $1.90 mexican dollars, is received. The consignment has not yet come to hand but will receive prompt attention when it comes.

You seem to have misapprehended the mode of payment. This Mint pays for all silver bullion purchased, in standard silver dollars. A superintendents' check will

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be issued, which can either be mailed to you or the money collected and forwarded by express. We are not authorized to pay legal tenders notes for purchase of silver, though it is probable I can make the exchange for you at par. I will endeavor to do so if you request it.

You will, therefore please indicate your preference for one of the following modes of settlement.

1. A Superintendents Check for the amount in Standard Silver dollars.
2. Silver dollars sent you by express,
3. The proceeds changed into currency in open market, and the notes sent you in registered letter.
4. Proceeds invested in sight-draft on New York, or a New Orleans bank check calling for currency.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Geo. M. Stuart.
Raleigh, Miss.

February 4th. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find receipt for amount of silver bullion sent by you to this Mint. per Express.

You will please indorse it in favor of some Consignee or agent in New Orleans, to whom the proceeds will be paid, or you may indorse it in blank & mail to the Superintendent of the Mint, in which case a check for Standard silver dollars will be returned, or if you desire it the money will be drawn

from the treasury and sent you by express.

very respectfully

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Wm. John Kerr.

Mobile. Ala.

February 4th. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find receipt No 42. for 112.90 ounces of silver bullion received from you today per Express.

You will endorse and return the receipt when it will be paid according to the terms as you may direct.

A Check available in Bank in Galveston can be sent you, or silver dollars sent by Express

Please advise by return.

A currency draft may cost you a fraction for premium, but will be sent you if you desire it.

very respectfully.

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blessing & Bro.

Galveston, Texas.

Feby 5, 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Mint 10 Blank Reports of Official postal Stamps used and on hand.

very respectfully.

H. L. Foote.

Superintendent.

The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

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Febuy 5th 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Mint the following blank forms:

12 Requisitions for funds.
50 Pay rolls of Workmen.
10 " " Officers and Clerks.
20 Accounts Current.
30 Abstracts of Ordinary Expences.
10 Oaths of Office.
15 Modified Oaths.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Febuy 5th 1879.

Sir:

As Wm. Ross' address is unknown to the Superintendent, the inclosed letter was opened as per request and is herein returned.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Wm. Taggart
Machinist,
2317 Gratiot St. St Louis.

Febuy 5th 1879.

Wm. J. C. Norflat
Holly Springs Miss.

Sir:

This Mint now pays $ 1.09 per ounce for fine Silver. At this rate, a mexican dollar

nets about $85-3/8 cents per dollar if of full weight and fineness.

You can send per Express, when a receipt for the gross weight will be sent you, to be endorsed and returned for collection. This may be done by the Express agent, or you may send your receipt to any City house, which will attend to your business for you.

If you prefer it, a Superintendents Check, payable in silver dollars can be mailed to you.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Febry 5th 1879.

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery, Ala.

Gent:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst to the Superintendent, I am directed to inform you that this Mint will purchase all the silver bullion you may have to offer in lots under ten thousand ounces, and pay you in Standard silver dollars. The present price paid is $1.09 per ounce for fine silver, netting about, 85-3/4 per dollar, if of full weight and fineness.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Febry 6th 1879

Sir:

In reply to your postal card of the 5th inst I have to say:

This Mint purchases silver bullion at the rate of $1.09 per ounce, for fine, the present and pays in Standard silver dollars.

Mexican dollars, not of full weight and fineness realize about 85-3/8 cents each under the present instructions.

You can send by Express either by the Asst Direct, or consigned to some City-house very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. H. T. Johnson.
Rienzi. Miss.

Feby 6th 1879.

Sir:

I have to request instructions in relation to my weekly report of "Bullion Fund account" and statement of the condition of the "Bullion Fund" Is it required of me to furnish the first named report, weekly, when there have been no transfers, as in the case at present, nothing having been drawn from the original sum of $70,000, nor added to it, since it was opened on the 10th ult?

very respectfully
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon Jas Gilfillan.
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington. D. C.

February 7th 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Asst, five copies of the compilation of the "Laws" of the United States, relating to Loans and Currency including the Coinage Act" Government printing

office edition, 1878.

very respectfully,
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Feby 7th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find receipts for your deposit of silver, received this day by Express. The receipt denotes the gross weight of the bullion before melting.

You will please endorse the same either in blank and return it to this Mint, or to some City house to be presented when it will be paid according to your letter of advice of the 6th inst

very respectively.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery, Ala.

Feby 7th 1879.

Mr. John F. Kerr.
Mobile. Ala.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Check No. 13.844. on Assistant U.S. Treasurer at New Orleans. for eighty four $\frac{44}{100}$. in Standard Silver dollars, and certificate of proceeds of silver bullion deposited by you in this Mint on the 4th inst

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

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Feby 8th 1879.

Sir:

Referring to paragraph, page 22nd of the Book of Instructions I find one clause which seems to me to be difficult of practical application in in some cases. It is required of the operating officers, when making requisitions for incidental and contingent supplies to state "the article and price"

Now, it is reported to me that in many cases, if the Superintendent requires the price to be given as a prerequisite to the approval of the requisition, delays will occur, which, would be detrimental to the service.

I will thank you to give me your interpretation of this rule, and state whether in your judgement it is to be considered strictly mandatory, or merely directory, and to be suspended or enforced, accordingly as the Superintendent may judge from the Nature of the case to be proper.

I am informed from what I deem an authentic source that the rule in question, so far as stating the price of supplies is concerned is not uniformly enforced in the Mints, and as my officers generally, I will thank you, however to inform me whether, or not, you understand such to be the case.

In this connection, I have to request that you will send me copies of such decisions and instructions of the Department in the Matter of working in the Mints, made since the Book of Inquiry has been printed, as you may deem useful to me in the discharge of my official duties, such decisions sometimes modify and explain the printed instructions very materially,

and I have none of them on file in this or this office

very respectfully,
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Paulin,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Feby 8th 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herein the following vouchers, which were returned to me by your office for informality in the signatures of the parties:

No 12.	R. M. & B. J. Montgomery & Co	$ 94.50.
" 15	John C Stewart	31.25.
" 24	Wm A Innes	1.00.
" 32	Louis Frigerio	9.50.
" 42	B. N. Nagstette	.60.
		$136.85

All the above vouchers have now been receipted by the proper parties, and are returned to you under your instructions.

In referring to voucher No 12. of R. M. & B. J. Montgomery, I have to say that when the account was sent on, I attached to it the written authority of the firm for Tupper to collect the money and sign the receipt. I suppose, however, the papers were separated before the account came into your hands

I am, Sir. very respectfully, Your, &c,
Michael Hahn.
Late Superintendent.

Hon A. J. Porter.
First Comptroller.
Dept Treasury.
Washington D. C.

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Febry 8, 1879

Sir:

The inclosed copy of instructions from the Director of the Mint, dated September 19, 1878, is furnished you for information.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Dr. Jas Albrecht,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Febry 8, 1879.

Sir:

The inclosed Copy of instructions from the Director of the Mint, dated September 19, 1878, is furnished you for information.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Mr. W. F. Davis,
Coiner U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Febry 8th 1879.

Sir:

The inclosed copy of instructions from the Director of the Mint, dated Sept, 19, 1878, is furnished You for information.

very respectfully
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Dr. W. F. Bonzano,
Melter & Refiner,
U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

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Feby 8th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith an amended account current of the ordinary Expenses of the New Orleans Mint. for December, 1878. the original account sent you last month having erroneously omitted several items of expenses, which are now shown in the one inclosed, in red ink, to facilitate the work of examination

I also inclose the vouchers for the items of $130.40/100 paid John C Schenze for Salary for November, and the two vouchers for the news item (omitted in the first account) to wit:

1.	John Connelly. drayage	$10.
2	John C Schmelze, travelling Expenses	61.75
		$71.75

The bookkeeper of the Mint is now at work making a general abstract and account current of all the ordinary Expenses for the six months of my official service. It will be ready in a few days, and I will send it to you as soon as completed.

I wish you would do me the favor of asking the proper auditing officer to examine and audit all my accounts as soon as possible, and let me know the exact result.

Please inform me in what manner and to whom I am to turn over the balance of money charged to me; whether it is to be paid over to the new Superintendent, or to simply deposit it at the Sub Treasury, to the credit of the government I am informed the latter system prevails, and of the impression that such was the verbal instructions given me by the late Director, when I last saw him in Washington

Very respectfully
Michael Hahn
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

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Feby 10. 1879.

Hon W. B. Woods,
Judge U. S. Circuit Court
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have the honor to request you to excuse from further attendance on the Grand jury John Donellan, one of the employes in the Coining department of this Mint, We are about to begin active coining operations and the presence of every assistant in that department is required for the well doing of the work.

I should be willing to waive the exemption granted by law to employes of this Mint in any case where the interests of the public service were not involved; but in this instance my duty as superintendent leaves me no alternative,

Hoping that you may be able to excuse the juror without detriment to the progress of the business of the Court or inconvenience to yourself.

Yours very respectfully,
W. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Feby 10th 1879

Wm. Geo. M. Knott.
Ruleigh, Miss.

Dear Sir:

I inclose you herewith Superintendents Check No 13,987 on U.S. Asst Treasurer at New Orleans for 100 $\frac{79}{100}$ in Standard silver dollars.

I presume you can buy New York Exchange in Mobile as well as here, If however you desire it I will buy Exchange for you here

but you must in that case endorse the check to me and return it.

Very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Febry 10th 1879

Messrs Blessing & Bro
Galveston, Texas.

Gents:

Inclosed please find Superintendents' check No 13.848. on Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at New Orleans, for $10.24/100. in Standard Silver dollars, for you can no doubt deposit it to your credit in a Galveston Bank and draw against it in Currency. This Mint is not authorized to pay for Silver Bullion in anything but Silver dollars.

Yours very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Febry 11th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter to the Superintendent dated the 10th inst. I am directed by him to say:

This Mint will receive all Bullion deposited and pay for silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at the rate, for the present, of $1.09, for fine, per ounce.

very respectfully
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Wm. L. Jobe,
Columbus, Miss.

Feby 11th 1879.

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery. Ala.
Gents:

Inclosed please find Superintendent's Check No 13,856 on U.S. asst Treasurer at New Orleans, for $ 149.$\frac{66}{100}$. being net proceeds of bullion (silver) shipped by you to this Mint.

Please acknowledge receipt

very respectfully
J G. Tracy.

New Orleans, Feby 11. 1879

Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Our silver bullion fund of fifty thousand dollars will be exhausted in three days. The offerings of bullion are increasing in magnitude, with a prospect of further increase

H.O.W. Change gov't rates.

H. S. Foote,
Supt. U.S. Mint.

J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Feby 12th 1879.
9 o'clock A. M.

Wm A Parker, Book Keeper.
Sir:

Notify the computing clerks that the purchasing rate for fine silver is $1.04, per ounce, until further notice

Respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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Febry 13th 1879.

Sir:

I have, upon the written request of the Coiner and the Assayer of this Mint, made the following transfer promotion and appointments in their departments.

Wm. Clementina Carr, transferred from the general to the Coiner's department, as forewoman of the adjusting room, at a compensation of $3.00 per day, from the 1st inst,

Denis Rostrup, laborer in the Assayers' Office, assigned as foreman in the Assayer's laboratory, at a compensation of $2.50 per day, from the 11th inst.

Also the following appointments in the Assayers department:

Samuel R. Stewart, workman @ $3.50 per day
Michael Toeffer, laborer @ " 2.00 " "

I inclose the oaths of Stewart and Toeffer, herewith, and also the letters of the Coiner and Assayer.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

N. S. Foote
Superintendent

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Febry 13th 1879

Sir: Inclosed please find bill lading for three boxes adjusting scales, consigned to you as per instructions of your Wm. F. W. Froemmer.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Henry Froemmer.
710. Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Febry 13th 1879.

Messrs Wm A. Garnett & Co.
Mobile, Ala.

Gents:

Inclosed please find receipt for the silver bullion shipped by you to this Mint, as per advices of 12th inst.

Upon return of the receipt, duly indorsed by you a check will be sent you according to letter, at the rate of $1.04 per ounce for fine silver.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

February 13th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a request from Wm. W. Davis, Coiner, for the purchase of certain tackstays, shelves and rollers for the annealing furnaces of this Mint, with the recommendation that they be ordered by you and shipped as early as practicable.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Febry. 13th 1879.

Sir: Agreeably to the request contained in your note of the 10th inst. to the Superintendent I am directed by him to return your papers on file in this office.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Prof. J. G. Johnanna.
Washington. D.C.

February 14th. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find sight draft on New York for $179.29 being net amount of your check for $180.79 after deducting Express Charges of $1.50.

I would have sent you the New York draft but did not think I had sufficient authority to make the negotiation until I received your specific instructions.

I shall be glad at any time to be able to serve you in any future similar case.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Geo Jr. Street.
Ringgi, Miss.

Feby 14th. 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your note of inquiry of the 12th. inst, addressed to the Superintendent. I am directed to say:

Silver bullion of all Kinds (including Mexican dollars) is purchased at this Mint at the rate, for the present, of $1.04 per ounce for fine silver.

Mexican dollars, if of full weight weigh about. 869 and assay .902. making the net value, at the present rate 84½ cents. This result, however, depends upon the full weight and fineness of the metal, and may vary a fraction of a cent one way or the other.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. C. C. Ross.
Okalona. Miss.

Feby 14th 1879.

Sir:

The Check for amount of silver bullion deposited by you in this Unit is ready for you.

Please bring the receipt or send it properly endorsed.

Respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. T. G. Bush.
23 Peters St.
New Orleans. La.

Feby 15th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose Unit receipt for Twenty Seven and 80/100 ounces silver bullion, being amount sent by you per Express.

Upon return of this receipt duly endorsed by you, a check for the money will be sent you according to its tenor.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Dominick Kuntz,
Mobile. Ala.

February 15th, 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a communication from Wm. M. V. Davis, Comier of this Unit, concerning some defects in in Certain parts of the Roll grinding machine made by Messrs Robert Nethenill & Co. of Chester, Penn.

I trust the necessary attentions will be made with dispatch, as it is important that

our machinery be placed in perfect condition as soon as possible.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

February 16th. 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith the official oath and bond and affidavits of sureties on the bond of Daniel R. Lemman, weigh Clerk of this Mint which have been executed anew by him in conformity to the memorandum furnished by the Solicitor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

February 15th 1879

Gents:

I herewith enclose voucher for the furniture ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury for this Mint, and also the bill of Messrs. McCracken & Brewster of this City, for placing it in position, the same having been done satisfactorily.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs A. H. Anderson & Co.
Chicago. Ill.

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New Orleans, Feby 17. 1879.

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.:

Is there any copper alloy charge on a gold deposit (without silver) nine hundred and ninety one fine, to be paid for in treasury notes?

Chge govt rates 37½.

F.G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Febry 17. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find check check for 71 13/100 and memorandum of proceeds of a lot of silver bullion deposited in this Mint by Wm. S. Losey; which are mailed to you by his direction.

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Henry R. Smith.
Canton, Miss.

February 17, 1879.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 15th inst, that this Mint is buying silver bullion at the rate of $1.04 per ounce for fine, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, payable in Standard silver dollars.

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. F. Jones.
Baldwyn, Miss.

February 18th. 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Jr V. Davis, Coiner of this Mint, of a highly pressing and important character.

I have so much deference for this gentleman's skill and capacity for the performance of the duties of his position (vouched for to me so highly as he has been by the late lamented Director, Dr. Linderman) and giving every day evidences of merit and qualifications of the highest order, that I have felt it to be my duty to give my cordial approval to all the recommendations which he has judged it proper to submit to me for reference to yourself.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

February 18th. 1879.

Sir:

Referring to your letter to the Superintendent dated the 14th. inst. I am directed to inform you that this Mint will purchase the silver bullion described by you and pay for it, after its weight and fineness have been ascertained, at the rate for the present, of $1,08 per ounce for fine, in U.S. Standard Silver dollars.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Mr. D. W. Henges.
Jackson. Tenn.

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Feby 18th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herein, for return receipt No 74, for proper endorsement. You should write your name across the back of the receipt in same manner that you indorse a bank check or note of hand.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Mr. Dominick Kuntz.
Mobile, Ala.

February 18th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 12th inst. I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

This Mint is nearly ready to commence the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and as soon as the deposits of gold bullion will warrant it, will also coin double eagles, half eagles, and quarter eagles. For some time to come, the Standard silver dollar, will be the only coin this Mint, will be enabled to finish.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. T. B. Disney
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati. Ohio.

February 18th 1879

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 12th inst I am directed by the superintendent to say:

This Mint will, in a few days, be

ready to coin Standard Silver dollars, with the exception of gold double eagles, eagle, half eagle and quarter eagle coins, this will be the only coin made here.

We have no list of coins and medals, and can only furnish you at present with the Standard Silver dollar.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Geo. H. Shoultes,
515 - F. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Febry 16th 1879.

Sir:

A Corpus Christi, Texas firm offers to ship to this Mint, from time to time, considerable quantities of silver bullion to be coined for Standard dollars. The express charges on the bullion will be paid by the sellers, but they ask us to send them the coin to Corpus Christi free of charge.

I respectfully ask instructions on the points thus raised

1. Have I the authority to pay the Express charge?
2. If yes, from what fund?

Very respectfully,
H. I. Foote,
Superintendent

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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Feby 20th 1879.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your statements of my disbursing accounts dated February 1st 1879, and find the balances therein reported to be correct. viz:

Ordinary Expenses	$ 377.63.
U. S. Standard Silver Dollars	43.161.21
U. S. Currency ——	19.768.16.

I have also examined the numbers, dates and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

New Orleans La.
Feby 20th 1879.

New Orleans. La
Nine thousand $ (9000.) Dollars.

March 31st 1879.

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Dec 21st 1878.

New Orleans — $ 1000.
Repairs & Machinery Do — " 8000.
$9000.

H. S. Foote.

Feby 20th 1879.

Wm. Dominick Kuntz.
Mobile, Ala.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendent's Check No 13.846. on U.S. Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, for $ 75 02/100. being net proceeds of bullion (silver) shipped by you to this Mint.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,
J.G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

February 20th 1879.

Sir:

I have upon the written request of Wm. M. V. Davis, coiner of this Mint, appointed Miss Maggie C Humphry, to be an adjuster in the Coining department at a compensation of $1.75 per diem.

Your approval is respectfully requested.

M. L. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

February 20th 1879.

Sir:

In consequence of the heavy expenses necessarily incurred in the work of repairing and fitting up this Mint, and putting the machinery in condition to do the work required of it: I have found it necessary to make a supplemental requisition for funds from the proper appropriations of $9000. being $8000. for Repairs and Machinery and $1000. for contingent Expenses.

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I have already from the several departments, approved bills on hand and unpaid, sufficient to absorb fully the sums called for with others in prospect, but which can be provided for in the requisition for next month.

The amount of Repairs and Machinery fund advanced, has already been fully exhausted, while there remains but little of the Contingent fund. If you deem it necessary to satisfy the Comptroller, I will forward, in anticipation of my report for February, the bills already paid, to satisfy him upon the point of making advances in excess of my official bond, which however is sufficient to more than cover the sums called for, with the balance.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Febry 20th 1879.

Sir:

The following extract from a letter, this day, received from the Director of the Mint, is furnished for your information.

Mrs. Clementina Cahn transferred and appointed Forewoman of adjusters, and compensation increased to $2.00 per diem, instead of $3.00 as submitted, to take effect from 1st inst.

J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. M. V. Davis.
Coiner U.S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

New Orleans Febry 20th 1879

Director of the Mint. Washington D.C.

Large amounts of silver here await orders to sell at New York prices, say one hundred and nine cents per ounce for fine. The recent rise in London and New York checks sales, Unless we can pay the Market price, all this bullion, in transit, will go on to Europe,

Advise me by telegraph, whether I can pay a higher rate than one hundred and eight.

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N. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

J. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk

Febry 21st 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the recommendations submitted to the Superintendent in your communication of the 10th inst, have been approved at the rates of compensation herein given. viz:

Dennis Rostrop promoted to be foreman of laboratory at $2.50 per diem.

Samuel R. Stewart, workman @ $ 2.50 per day instead of $3.00

Michael Toepper laborer @ $ 2.00 per day

All to take effect on the 11th inst.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. Jos Albrecht.
Assayer U.S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

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Feby 21st 1879

To the Bookkeeper,
U.S. Mint, New Orleans.

The purchasing rate for silver bullion has been changed to one hundred and nine cents pr ounce fine.

Respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Feby 21. 1879.

Messrs Townsend & Lyman.
New Orleans. La.

Gents,

The prevailing rate for the purchase of silver at this Mint is now $1.09. pr ounce fine.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Seligman. Hellman & Co.
John W. Fairfax.
M. Payne.
S. Hernsheim & Bro.
A. Cassard.
John Henry.
A. Palacio.

Feby 21st 1879.

Sir:

Tomorrow, being a legal holiday, (Feby 22d) the business of this Mint will be suspended and the attendance of employes dispensed with

By order of the Superintendent.
J. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk

Dr. Jos Albricht.
Assayer U.S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

Feby 21st 1879

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery, Ala.
Gents:

Inclosed Please find Superintendents check No 13.583. on U.S. Asst Treasurer at New Orleans, for $140 36/100. being net proceeds of bullion (silver) shipped by you to this Mint.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

February 22nd 1879.

Sir:

During my temporary absence, the duties of the Superintendent of this Mint are, by the 7th Section, of the Coinage Act, approved Feby 12th 1873. devolved upon the Chief Clerk, J. G. Tracy, who is authorized to act as Superintendent, and do and perform all the official acts necessary for the transaction of the business of the Mint.

very respectfully
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon B. F. Flanders
U.S. Asst Treasurer.
New Orleans. La.

February 22nd 1879.

Sir:

I have referred your letter of the 19th inst to Wm. W. Davis the Coiner of this Mint, and he has handed me his reply thereto, which I herewith inclose.

As Mr. Davis' principal object seems to be to

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obtain a sample, which will give him the exact measurement of a counting board with a capacity of $250. Standard Silver dollars. I shall be glad if you will do us the favor to order one made for the purpose contemplated

very respectfully.
H. A. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

February 22, 1879

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendents' Check No 13.884, on asst Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, for $209 26/100. being proceeds of silver bullion, consigned by you to this Mint.

A memorandum showing the result of weighing and assay is also inclosed.

very respectfully.
J. H. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

February 24th, 1879.

Sir;

Your letter of the 20th inst including printing instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to advertising is received. These instructions will be strictly complied with for the future though I have to report a failure in the strict observance of the requirements laid down which occurred on a recent occasion.

Immediately upon receiving your official despatch of the 15th January, ult, directing us to notify bullion

dealers that bids will be received at the Director's office every Wednesday &c, advertisements were inserted to that effect in the Picayune and Times of this City, and for which service bids have since been rendered and paid.

Advertisements giving notice that this Mint was prepared to purchase silver bullion in lots under ten thousand ounces at the rate of $1.10 per ounce for fine, were also inserted in the Picayune Democrat and German Gazette immediately after the rate for silver bullion had been advanced from $1.08½.

It is now perceived that this advertising, though of undoubted necessity and propriety, was done without the technical authority required by section 3828 Revised Statutes, The bills, however, have not yet been forwarded to the Department.

I will thank you to obtain, if you deem it necessary and proper to do so, the required authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, to cover these cases of inadvertant departure from the regulations, and also to request the Chief Clerk of Stationery, Printing and Blanks to forward to this office the proper blanks to be used in all similar cases hereafter.

Very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Feby 24th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 18th inst in closing for return bill of Mssrs Mc Cracken & Brewster for putting up furniture in this Mint, and your bill of Exchange of $30. to pay the same, is duly received.

Inclose herewith the receipt of Mc C & B.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Messrs A. N. Andrews & Co.
Chicago. Ill.

Feby 26th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst. I have to say:

This Mint purchases silver bullion at the rate of $1.09 per ounce for fine, at present price, and pays in Standard dollars

Mexican dollars if of full weight and fineness realize about 85 3/8 cents each under the present instructions

You can send by Express either to the Mint direct, or consigned to some city house.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Acting Superintendent

Wm Ed McCarney,
Greenbrier, Ala.

Feby 26th 1879

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th instant making inquiries as to the price of melted silver, Mexican dollars, halves and quarters, is received.

Melted silver, Mexican Dollars, halves and quarters are received here as bullion, melted refined and assayed and the exact fineness ascertained, The price now is $1.09. per fine ounce, That is about 60-3/8 cents for each dollar of full weight,

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Acting Supt.

Messrs Wood & Co.
Denison, Texas.

Feby 26th 1879

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant making inquiries as to the price of mexican dollars and the charge for coinage is received.

Mexican dollars are received here as bullion melted, Refined and assayed and the exact fineness ascertained,

The price now is $1.09 per fine ounce, The Mint only buys them as bullion, and does not coin them into American coins for private persons

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Acting Supt.

Jas Burkitt.
Houston, Miss.

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Feby 25th 1879.

Gov N. S. Foote.
Supt &c

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith sundry letters handed me by Malvern for you.

Your dispatch just received. We have on hand of silver bullion fund about $38,000. and have taken in $16,500 ounces today with a lot of $2,000. expected tomorrow.

Please inquire of the Director whether we are authorized to use our own coinage to pay for silver bullion. Mr. Davis will deliver to the Cashier $10,000. tomorrow and probably $15,000. more on Saturday. Unless we can use this coin our silver bullion fund will probably be exhausted by Monday March 3rd.

All are well and everything working satisfactorily.

Yours truly
T. G. Tracy.

February 27th 1879

Gentlemen:

Your favor, without date, making enquiries as to the price paid for Mexican coins at this Mint, is received and noted.

I have to say that Mexican dollars are worth at the present time, at this mint $1,09. per ounce fine; that is about 85 cts per dollar. All coins of greater & less value are bought at the same rate, and their value determined by weight and assay.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Acting Supt.

Messrs Daly & Bros,
San Francisco, Texas.

Febuary 27th 1879.

Hon Wm R. Whitaker.
Judge Superior Criminal Court.
Parish of Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed summons, No 303. citing John Donovan to appear in Your Court, and serve as a Juror I have the honor to say:

Donovan is an employé in the Coining department of this Mint, and his services cannot be dispensed with by the Coiner without detriment to his mechanical operations.

I am informed by the Solicitor of the Treasury that the provisions of the second subdivision of Section 2126 Revised Statutes of 1876. "the clerks and employés of the Branch Mint at New Orleans" are exempt from jury ... duty", I have no copy of this edition of the Statutes at hand, but have no doubt of the correctness of the Solicitors advice,

Under these circumstance, I respectfully request you excuse Wm John Donovan from serving on the Jury.

T. G. Tracy
Acting Superintendent.

February 27th 1879.

Wm C. J. Nicholson.
New Orleans, La.

Madame:

I have the honor to send you by Wm H. D. Thompson, the first dollar sent out from this Mint, out from the first coinage of 1879.

Yours very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Acting Superintendent.

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February 28th 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. making inquiries as to the cost of receiving Mexican dollars, & whether individuals are allowed to gather them up and exchange them for U.S. dollars, is received.

I have to say that the Mint does not exchange U.S. dollars for Mexican dollars, but buys them from the owners at a stated price, and pays for them in U.S. dollars at the rate of $1,09 per ounce fine, the present price This is equal to about 85 cts, per dollar.

Very respectfully.
T.G. Tracy.
Acting Supt.

Wm. R. V. Jones,
Abilene, Kansas.

February 28th 1879.

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery, Ala.
Gentlemen:

I inclose you herein Check No 13,898. being proceeds of silver bullion sent by you per express, consigned to this Mint. In the bags however we found a piece of gold, weighing 6/10 oz. which being too small for a gold deposit, was sold to Wm. John Henry, an assay in this city who allowed $ £ for it.

This amount was turned into a bill of exchange on New York in your favor, and is herein inclosed.

Yours respectfully.
T.G. Tracy.
Acting Supt.

United States Mint.
At New Orleans. La.
March 1st 1879.

February 1879.

70	100	170	170	14	14	156	156
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33	500	533.	1599	153	459	380	1140
110	200	310	1860	60	360	250	1500
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J. G. Tracy.
Acting Supt.

March 1st 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the following dismissals, transfers and appointments of employes in the several Departments of this Mint.

In the General Department.

Thomas H. Jenks, messenger; Leonard Dewell helper; and George Winter, laborer; dropped from the rolls and their positions vacated, there being no longer any need for their services.

Randall Brown appointed Gate Keeper (vice William Tennant) at a compensation of $2.50 per diem.

The compensation of Horace Vallas conductor, increased from $2.50 to $2.75 per diem

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The compensation of Archibald Glenn, conductor, decreased from $3.00 to $2.75 per diem.

In the Coining Department—

Walter Thompson transferred from the General to the Coining Department as press hand at compensation decreased from $3.00 to $2.75 per diem.

William Dunnant, transferred from position of Gate Keeper to that of Cutter, and compensation increased from $2.50 to $2.75 per diem.

Charles Craven transferred from position of Weigher to that of Counter and compensation reduced from $4.00 to $3.00 per diem, to take effect from the 1st. of February.

A. M. Durand, appointed temporary Carpenter, January 9th. dropped from the rolls and the position vacated.

All the above changes, except that of Craven, to take effect from this date.

I inclose the oath of Randall Brown.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

J. G. Tracy.

Acting Superintendent.

To Hon R. E. Preston.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

New Orleans March 1st. 1879.

Director of the Mint, Washington D. C.

The coinage of this Mint for February amounts to twenty two thousand Standard silver dollars.

26 bonds
Chge govt sales

J. G. Tracy.

Acting Superintendent

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March 1st 1879

Sir;

I inclose herewith the official statement of the Coiner of this Mint, showing the Coinage executed by him during the Month of February 1879, amounting to twenty two thousand pieces standard dollars

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Acting Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 3rd 1879.

Sir.

You are respectfully requested to send the requisition or order upon which this bill is based. I inclose the original and duplicate to be returned with the order therefore.

very respectfully
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 3rd 1879.

Sir:

I have appointed upon the written request of Wm. M. V. Davis, Coiner, the following employes in the Coining department of this Mint at the rates of compensation annexed, viz:

Joseph Hunter, helper @ $2.00 per diem
Webster Long, Jr Annealer " 2.50 " "

To take effect on the 1st inst.

Respectfully submitted for approval
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

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March 3rd 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith vouchers Nos 12 and 14. for subscriptions to the Philadelphia Progress and Washington Republican, and respectfully request you to reconsider your decision disallowing them as proper claims to be paid out of the contingent fund of this office.

I have construed Section 1779. Rev Statutes, edition of 1878. as giving me authority to apply, not exceeding thirty dollars annually, out of the contingent fund under my control to pay for newspapers "not necessary for the business of this office" It seemed to me that two local papers, one published at the National Capital and another in Philadelphia, the site of the principle Mint in the United States, would be found convenient, if not absolutely necessary to an intelligent discharge of my official duties and I gave directions to have these newspapers sent here and kept on file.

If my construction of the section of the law above referred to does not meet with your concurrence, I shall, upon your reconsideration, credit the government with the amount of the newspaper bills as in case of an overcharge.

Very respectfully,
W. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint,
Washington. D. C.

P. S.

Allow me to add by way of postscript that it seems to me must plain that the

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Statute, in limiting me to a particular amount for specified purposes, must be construed as implying that the expenditure of that sum, or less, would be permitted,

H. S. Foote.

March 3rd 1879.

Sir:

The inclosed paper upon the subject of a prospective supply of silver bullion for this Mint from contiguous markets, was prepared by a statist of great ability and ample means of information, of this city. It was intended by me to lay the paper before you and Secretary Sherman personally, on the occasion of my recent visit to Washington, but as it did not arrive there before my departure, I have thought it advisable to send it to you for the information of your office and the Secretary of the Treasury.

very respectfully,

H. S. Foote.

Superintendent.

Hon E. R. Preston.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Washington, D. C.

Feby 3rd 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst making further inquiries as to the worth of a Mexican Silver dollar, after it is melted and Refined as received,

I have to say that a Mexican dollar if of full weight and fineness, weighs .87 oz and assays .903 fine. This at the present price of $1.04 for fine Silver, makes a Mexican dollar worth about 83 2/10 cents. Lighter pieces, with lower fineness do not

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ring quite so much.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

Wm. Jas Burkitt.
Houston, Miss.

March 3rd 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find receipt for 1062 40/100 ounces silver bullion being account of consignment to this Mint for your account, as per your letter of advice of the 1st inst.

Upon return of receipt properly indorsed by a member of your firm a check to your order, payable in Standard Silver dollars will be sent you or deposited in the Germania National Bank at your option.

The weigh Clerk found in the bag among the small coins a gold dollars which I herewith return as it is too small for a gold deposit, and if melted with the silver would show a mere trace not worth the expense of parting. If weighed as silver it would not bring you more than five cents being really worth 100.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs. Thos P. Miller & Co.
Mobile, Alabama.

New Orleans, March 3. 1879

Director of the Mint. Washington, D.C.

Our gold and silver funds are both nearly.

Chge govt rates.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.
22 ends.

N. S. Foote
Supt U.S. Mint.

March 4th, 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you send to this Mint the following blank forms.

100. Monthly Reports of Coinage executed.

100. Monthly Reports of Coiners operations and Losses (50 gold — 50 silver)

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

March 4 1879.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Coiners Report of operations and Losses for the month of February, 1879.

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 4th, 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a requisition for certain weights, which you are respectfully requested to prepare and send to this Mint as soon as practicable

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Wm. Henry Troeman.
710. Market St
Philadelphia. Penn.

March 4th 1879.

Gentlemen.

Your postal card dated March 3rd making inquiries as to the price of Mexican silver Dollars is received.

I have to say that Mexican dollars are bought here as bullion, Melted, Refined and assayed, and their true fineness ascertained.

The price at present paid for silver is $1.09 per ounce for fine silver, which is 85 3/10 cents per dollar when of full weight.

Very respectfully.

T. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Messrs Harralson & Co.

Mobile Ala.

March 4, 1879

Sir:

I reported by wire yesterday that both the gold and silver bullion funds of this Mint were nearly exhausted. This referred, of course to the amount standing to my official credit on the books of the Assistant Treasurer.

We have in hand of our own coinage $22,000. in Standard Silver dollars, available for the purchase of silver bullion, but have not as yet coined any gold, though we have about $20,000. in bullion in the vaults.

As a preliminary formality to the use of our own coinage to pay depositors, it may be necessary to have a transfer order from the Treasurer of the United States executed in the usual form in my favor as Superintendent, setting aside a round amount to be disbursed in pay-

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ment of depositors.

I will thank you, therefore, for specific instructions upon this point; viz:

Have I authority to use the coinage of this Mint to pay for bullion purchased, without first obtaining a transfer order from the Treasurer?

In any event, our bullion fund ought to be increased by an additional $10,000. for silver; and say, for the present, $50,000. for gold. This would afford an ample margin for silver; and perhaps enough for gold, unless an unexpected increase in deposits were to occur in which case you would be advised by telegraph.

Very respectfully.
W. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

March 5th, 1879.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Acting Superintendent of this Mint to the Director, dated 1st inst., making certain dismissals transfers and appointment, it has been decided to reconsider that portion of it which fixes the compensation of Randall Brown, gate keeper at $2.50 per diem and make it $2.00 per day instead.

Very respectfully.
W. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

New Orleans, March 5, 1879

Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

We want money to pay for gold bullion. Our silver balance at sub Treasury is only thirty nine hundred dollars.

Chge govt rates

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

H. L. Foote.

Supt U. S. Mint.

March 5th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith corrected account-current for January, showing a reduction of $20. in payroll of officers and clerks, and of $5- in the total for contingent expenses, the latter item arising from a correction in A Kennedi's bill for ice. Voucher No 14. in which it appears there was an overcharge of 1/4 ¢ per lb. The voucher is also returned, reduced to $25.

Voucher No 5. Chas M. Strong, for cut fare, was handed to Mr. Davis, the comptr, who has returned, reduced it with the explanation of Dr. M. F. Bonzano. his predecessor, under whose orders the money was expended.

Voucher No 25 has also been written anew, in such a manner as to show separately the amounts paid for painting and glazing respectively.

Referring to voucher No 13, the bill of Jacob W Helfrich for travelling expenses from Philadelphia, I have to say, that though the bill was made in duplicate, but one copy was sworn to which I retained on file, as in the similar cases of Messrs Osterbrige, James Reed and others. I inclose the sworn copy of No 13

herewith and will send the other affidavits if required,

Very respectfully.
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 6th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a communication from Wm. M. V. Davis, Courier requesting that we order be directed to Messrs Orr, Hess & Morgan of Philadelphia, to furnish for the use of this Mint the iron necessary for the construction of four annealing furnaces for strips and two for blanks.

I will thank you to give the proper orders for the execution of the work as requested by the Courier.

Very respectfully.
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 6th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 27th ult. relative to Mexican coins, I am directed by the Superintendent to say:

This Mint purchases Mexican dollars for account of the government, in the same manner as other silver bullion. A Mexican dollar weighs about .87 of an ounce, and assays .902 fine.

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at the present rate of $1.09. per ounce for fine silver. Mexican dollars would be worth about 85 cents each.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Chief

Z. T. Ross. Esq.
Cold Springs.
San Jacinto. Co. Texas.

March 6th. 1879.

Sir:

Your letter dated March 1st. making inquiries as to whether this Mint coins silver standard dollars for private persons or not is received.

I have to say that the Mint buys silver from the owners and pays a stated prices therefore. The price at present is $1.09. per fine ounce That is about 85 9/10 cents per Mexican dollar Silver is bought, melted, Refined and Assayed and the true fineness ascertained. It takes about three days after we receive a deposit to find its value.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. E. S. Hubbard.
Sherman. Texas.

March 6th. 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose, herewith a communication from Messrs Seligman Hellman & Co. a responsible banking firm in this City, upon the subject of supplying

this Mint with Sullivan from Mexico, Mr. Nellman, of that firm, informs me in a conversation that if he were able to make a specific agreement with this Mint for the delivery of silver Sullivan in large quantities, he would then be able to give definite orders to his correspondents in Mexico at a fixed rate.

From the high standing which Messrs Seligman, Nellman & Co. occupy in financial circles in both Europe and America. I am satisfied they would rigidly comply with any contract which they might make for delivery.

If you do not deem such an agreement contrary to the regulations, or opposed to the best interests of the service, I respectfully recommend that you give me authority to contract for the delivery of silver at a future day, at the price prevailing on the day the contract is made, subject, of course, to such limitations as to time and amount as the Director may think proper to establish.

I have no doubt such policy would result in bringing large amounts of silver and considerable quantities of gold to this Mint.

Very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington.
D. C.

March 6th, 1879.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail, in another package my report of receipts and disbursements

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for account of ordinary expenses for the month of February, ult.

This report does not embrace all the items of indebtedness against this Mint, up to the closing of the report, as I found at the end of the month some of the bills could not be paid without overdrawing the sums advanced to the different objects respectively. Included in the deferred bills is the pay roll of the Assay department, the fund for wages being short by less than a hundred dollars.

This deficit was caused by the unexpected increase in force required in the Coining department. It is expected however that the reductions made on the first inst. together with the return of Messrs James Reed and Outerbridge, which took place on the 26th ult. will enable us to bring the expenses for wages within the pro-rata estimates for this month.

Several large bills for repairs and machinery are included in the report for February, but the aggregate of payments out of this fund will be much greater for the present month; after which, I hope there will be a material falling off, as the greater part of the work, of repairing and fitting up the several departments is, as I am informed by the operative officers of the Mint, now completed.

I also inclose for your inspection several bills of the local press for subscriptions and advertising, the reasons for incurring the expense of which have been explained in previous letter to the Director. If it be decided upon examination, that there is an informality about these bills I will either correct them

according to instructions, or if required, change myself with the amounts.

Very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

March 7, 1879.

Sir.

I have appointed George Winter to be foreman of this Mint at a compensation of $2.00 per day to take effect this date.

Your approval is respectfully asked for Winter's Oath of Office is inclosed.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon N. C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

March 7, 1879

Gentlemen:

A receipt for 1062 $\frac{46}{100}$ ounces of silver bullion deposited by you at this Mint was sent you by mail on the 3rd instant, Did you receive it? If so, you will please return the same, properly endorsed, when the amount will be sent in a check deposited for you in bank, or disposed of otherwise according to your instructions.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Thos. P. Miller.
Mobile, Ala.

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Gentlemen:

On the 28th ult. check No 13.898. and a draft on New York for $ 8[illegible] were sent you by mail for a bullion deposit. If the same have been received by you please make proper acknowledgement.

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Pollak & Co.
Montgomery, Ala.

March 7th 1879.

Sirs:

Please forward immediately Bill Lading covering Shipment #36. Cartage Acct 30. of which just received from C.P.L. No. 22. thro' Star Union Line.

Very Respectfully,
F.G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Powers & Weightman.
Philadelphia, Pa.

New Orleans March 7. 1879

John Sherman. Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

Your personal letter of March fourth received, and will be respected. I write by mail full explanation of all occurances in the case referred to

Chief Govt Sales.

F.G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

H. L. Foote.
Supt U. S. Mint

H.O. Thos

March 7. 1879.

Sir.

Agreeably to instructions contained in your letter of the 3rd inst I have this day mailed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, in a registered envelope two Standard silver dollars, being the special assay pieces required by par. 9. page 20. Book of Instructions.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon J. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 7. 1879.

Sir:

In obedience to instructions from the Director of the Mint I inclose herewith, two Standard Silver dollars, being the special assay coins taken from the first delivered in February and March respectively, as required by paragraph 9 on page 20. Book of Instructions.

very respectfully,
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon A. Loudon Snowden.
Supt U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

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March 7. 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith the Melter & Refiner's report of his operations and apparent loses for the month of February 1879.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

March 8. 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the following changes in the employes of this Mint.

In the coining Department.

Benjamin F. Butler, promoted from Clerk to weigher, and compensation increased from $3.00 to $3.50 per diem.

In the Melting and Refining Dept Chas R. Mahoney and Geo H. McCay, dropped from the Rolls for the reasons assigned by Dr. Dr. F Bonzano, Melter and Refiner, whose letter I inclose herein.

Respectfully submitted for approval
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H.C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

New Orleans, La.,
March 8th, 1879.

New Orleans, La.,

Eighteen thousand Dolls—

——— $18.000. ———

March 31st, 1879.

1879.

Dec 21st 1878.

Salaries,	New Orleans.	La.		$ 1,500.
Wages Workmen	do	do		" 7,000.
Contg. Expenses	do	do		" 3.000.
Repairs & Machinery	do	do		" 6,500.
				$ 18,000.

not signed

March 10th, 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst making inquiries as to the worth of Mexican Dollars is received.

I have to say that Mexican dollars are bought as bullion, melted, Refined & Assayed and the true amount of fine silver ascertained

The Mint pays at present $1.09 per ounce for fine silver. Which is about 85-3/10 cents per. Mexican dollar, when of full weight and fineness. Pieces of greater or less weight and fineness are worth more or less according to the weight & fineness thereof.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. James Longuette
Water Valley. Miss.

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March 10. 1879.

U. S. Assistant Treasurer.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your statements of my disbursing account dated March 1st. 1879. and find the balances therein reported to be correct viz.

Ordinary Expenses — —	$322.67
Silver Bullion Account — — —	30.894.67
Gold Bullion Account — — —	2,534.80

I have also examined the numbers. dates and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

Very respectfully.
H. D. Foote.
Superintendent.

March 11th 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your postal of the 7th I am instructed by the Superintendent to say:

You can ship bullion in any quantity most convenient to yourself, to this Mint. either direct or through some city house and receive in return a check on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans. The Mint pays at present $1.09. per ounce for fine silver, but does not coin it for private account.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. C. B. Collins.
Luling. Texas.

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March 11, 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendents checks on Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, viz: No.

No. 9326 for $206 64/100 U.S. Currency
" 13.926. " 23 03/100 Standard Silver dollars.

being proceeds of gold and Silver bullion received from you at this Mint on the 5th inst. as per memorandum, inclosed.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. W. L. Jobe.
Columbus, Miss.

March 11th 1879.

Sir:

I have in compliance with the written request of the Melter and Refiner and the Coiner, which I inclose herewith made the following changes, promotions and increase in compensation of the employ's of this Mint, to date from the 1st inst.

In the Melting and Refining Department

Compensation increased

Louis Leclerk	from	$3 00	to	$3,25	per diem
John Handy	"	3 "	"	3,25	" "
W. T. Tiedeman	"	2 25	"	2,50	" "
Michael Brady	"	2,25	"	2,50	" "
Ed B. O'Neal	"	2 00	"	2,25	" "
James Parker	"	2,00	"	2,25	" "

In the Coining Department.

John McCue promoted to foreman of Rolls and compensation increased from $2.25 to $3.50 per diem.

A Newton, Jr machinist, promoted to

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foreman of Coining room, and compensation increased from $3. to $3.50 per diem.

Jules Gouzy, machinist promoted to adjuster of Scales and weights, and compensation increased from $3.25 to $3.50 per diem.

Auge Palmer, machinist, promoted to foreman of machine shop with no increase in compensation.

Thomas Freeman, Blacksmith, promoted to foreman of Blacksmith shop, and compensation increased from $2.75 to $3.50 per diem.

Fred Schuber, Carpenter, promoted to foreman of Carpenter shop, and compensation increased from $3. to $3.50 per diem.

compensation increased

A.J. Black,	machinist	from	$2.50 to 3.00,	per diem
A.S. Hebet,	"	"	2.50 " 3 "	" "
A.J. Redmond,	Engineer	"	2.50 " 3 "	" "
John Donovan,	Fireman	"	2.50 " 3 "	" "
J.W. Donellan,	Workman	"	2.50 " 3 "	" "
Jacob Kundak,	"	"	2.75 " 3 "	" "
E.B. Adams,	"	"	2.75 " 3 "	" "
Chas W. Strong,	"	"	2.00 " 3.	" "
Emile Irany,	"	"	2.25 " 2.90	" "
Matthew Benjert	"	"	2.25 " 2.75	" "
Delphine Mayronne	"	"	2.00. " 2.50	" "

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 11th 1879.

Sir;

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 8th inst, relative to the appointment of Jos B. Hunter, as helper, and Webster Long Jr as annealer and asking information as to the necessity for the employment of such additional force in this Mint I have the honor to inform you that the subject was referred to Mr. Wm V. Davis, coiner who has reasons for the request upon which the appointments referred to were made. His communication is herein inclosed.

In this connection I take the liberty to say that in making appointments of employes in the several operative departments of this Mint, I have deemed it my duty to accept the advice of the several heads of these departments respectively.

Each of these officers seems to me to be eminently qualified to judge of the necessity for the demands made upon me for increased force as well as supplies of Materials, and so far as I have been able to observe, they are all disposed to observe the strictest economy consistent with the proper discharge of their responsible duties.

Mr. Davis, the Coiner in whose department these appointments have been requested, is one of the most experienced officers, in the Mint service, having served in various capacities of trust and responsibility under the late Director of the Mint, Dr. H. R. Linderman who, I have the best assurances, reposed the utmost confidence in his discretion and zeal in the service.

From my personal intercourse and official connection with Mr. Davis, though of but a few months' duration, I am fully satisfied that the estimate in which he was held by your predecessor

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was not too high. I have therefore, to a large extent been guided in my official acts, in regard to his department, by his advice, believing him to be a most efficient officer and safe counselor.

I have heretofore, as I shall in the future, take care, that the amounts appropriated by Congress for the several objects of expenditure authorized to be made in reestablishing this Mint, shall not be exceeded; yet I no less deem it my duty to permit no work which has been thus required to be done, to be neglected. At the same time it will be borne in mind that it is the desire and expectation of the department that no unnecessary expense be incurred for any object whatever.

In regard to the apparently limited coinage I may be permitted to remark that the supply of bullion for this Mint is dependent upon the ability of our local dealers to intercept the great streams of silver now and heretofore flowing out of Mexico to Europe and New York. The facilities now afforded by this Mint have attracted the earnest attention of those interested, and the best advice I can obtain assures me that if the government will guarantee dealers equal advantages here to those afforded in the East, there will very soon be no cause of complaint on the score of short supplies of either gold or silver. I am happy to say that the recent decision of the Department authorizing me to purchase in large quantities promises to effect favorable results.

Hoping the reasons assigned by Mr. Davis, together with my brief explanation may be deemed satisfactory to you

Sincerely,

Yours very respectfully.
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Bunchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Allow me to add by way of postscript that as a personal visit of the Mint and to operations might enlighten you more thoroughly upon the subject I shall hope that at your earliest convenience you will do us the favor of a visit.

H. S. F.

March 11th 1879

Sir:

Inclosed please find sight draft No 11.868. La. Savings Bank on Fourth National Bank of New York, your favor, for $345.25 being proceeds of Silver Bullion deposited by you in this Mint, 7th inst, less $1.90 for Express Charges

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.

Wm. Geo M. Stuart.
Somerville, Tenn.

March 12th 1879.

Sir:

I have examined into the matter referred to in your communication of the 4th inst. relative to the omission in my order for scales, dated Feby 26th and find it was the result of error on the part of the clerk, who consolidated the official order from the original memorandum of estimate

You will therefore, please add one three post balance to the order above referred to, with weights, &c @ $ 800. according to the specifications furnished by you to the Director of the Mint. of date Janu 30. 1879.

very respectfully,
H. D. Forte.
Superintendent.

Wm. Henry Troemner.
Philadelphia,
Penn.

March 12th. 1879.

Messrs. J. H. Fitts & Co.
Tuscaloosa. Ala.

Gents:

I am directed by the Superintendent to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst inquiring the price paid at this Mint for Mexican dollars, and to say:

At the present price for fine silver, $1.09 per ounce, Mexican dollars, if of full weight and fineness are worth about 85½ cents each. One thousand dollars would thus realize $855. dependent of course upon the coin being in good condition and correctly assayed — subject to a small Mint charge.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

New Orleans March 12th. 1879

Director of the Mint. Washington D.C.

This Mint can coin one hundred and fifty thousand dollars this month, if we can get bullion

enough, a portion of which we hope to receive from you. The local supply has not yet reached its full volume.

57 mnds
Chief Govt rates
J. G. Tracy Chief Clerk

N. L. Foote.
Supt. U. S. Mint.

March 13th 1879

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. I have the honor to reply:

The law does not permit the coinage of silver for private account, but restricts the amount to $4,000,000. per month, and that solely for government account. In order to obtain supplies of silver bullion sufficient to produce so much coinage per month, the Mints are authorized to purchase from time to time at rates established by the Secretary of the Treasury and transmitted to the several Superintendents by wire. The present rate remains as certified to you on the 6th inst. say $1.09. per ounce fine silver.

When silver is brought to the Mint, its value is determined as soon as possible and the owner paid for it at the rate prevailing at the date of the deposit. No transferable certificate is issued except one denoting the weight before assay, but as this does not express any value, its use is limited to the business of collecting the proceeds of the deposit as soon as it shall have been ascertained silver is not received at this Mint, in any other manner than the one above indicated.

Gold however, is coined for private account as of old.

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Yours very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. E. S. Hubbard.
Sherman, Texas.

March 13th, 1879.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. to the Superintendent, inquiring the value of the Mexican dollar, & the terms to say in reply:

At the present rate for fine silver ($1.09 per ounce) a Mexican dollar, if of full weight and fineness should be worth about 85.8 cents. The value is found by multiplying the weight by the fineness, and the product by the rate, thus .877 X .903 X $1.09 = $0.864. If the coin be worn or abraded, there will be a loss in weight and some lots do not assay up to the standard of .903, but fall as low as .901½. The dollars generally average, however, about 85½ cents each.

All descriptions of silver bullion including Mexican dollars, are received at this Mint for purchase for account of the government, and paid for according to the actual weight and assay. The owners are paid in Standard Silver dollars which are legal tender for any debt public or private.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. O. H. Stevens.
Reinzi
Miss.

New Orleans, March 14th. 1879.

Wm L. Jobe, Columbus, Miss.

Return Superintendents check, No Ninety three twenty six, on account of error. Payment has been stopped

29 Vouds.
Chge post rolls

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk, U. S. Mint.

March 15th. 1879.

Gentlemen:

Our instructions from the Treasury Department now permit us to purchase silver bullion from dealers in any quantity to suit the seller, and allow twenty five days from the date of acceptance of offers to complete the delivery.

The rate for small lots remains unchanged, at $1.09 per ounce fine.

This will enable dealers to make contracts in Mexican and other markets on a fine basis, as they will know exactly what they will receive here.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Seligman Hellman & Co
New Orleans, La.

To,

Isidore Newman & Bro.
Townsend & Lyman.
W. Payne.
J. Newman.

March 15th 1879.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 12th inst to the Superintendent of this Mint, I am instructed to say:

The Mint buy all sorts of silver including Mexican Coin, as bullion and pays for it in Standard silver dollars, at the rate for the present of $1.09 per ounce fine. A full weight dollar is worth about 85½ cents.

By consigning your silver to your New Orleans correspondent, he can make the deposit, receive the pay and credit you or send you the coin at your option.

very respy
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

C. M. Isley. Pdt.
Waco, Texas.

March 15th 1879.

Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 13th inst. in regard sight draft on New York, for proceeds of silver bullion shipped to this Mint by you. I am directed to state that on the 11th instant, sight draft No 11.868. La. Savings Bank on Fourth National Bank of New York, in your favor, for $345-25/100 was sent you at Somerville, Tenn, as you had requested.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Geo M. Stuart, Esq.
Somerville, Tenn.

March 15th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find receipt for your deposit of Silver bullion weighing Two hundred & five 70/100 ounces. The receipt denotes the gross weight of the bullion before melting.

You will please endorse and return the same to this Mint, when a check for the amount will be sent you.

very respectfully,
T. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. Langmeth.
Water Valley, Miss.

March 15th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 10th instant is received. In reply, the Superintendent directs me to say:

Silver bullion of all kinds, including Mexican Coin is purchased by this Mint at the present rate of $1.09. per ounce for fine.

A full weight Mexican dollar if sent up to the Mint Standard, will bring you about 85½ cents when weighed and assayed, the value will be computed and a check, payable in Standard Silver dollars sent you by mail.

very respectfully,
T. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

J. Cumbergs' Sons.
Hickman. Ky.

March 15th 1879.

Messrs Harrison Bros & Co.
Gray and Terry. Chemical Works.
Phila.

Dear Sirs:

Please forward immediately Bill Lading coveing shipmt Carboys Acid shipped to this Mint, upon order dated Jany 29th 1879.

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 17th 1879.

Sir:

I telegraphed you on Friday to return the Check No 9326. being in payment for 13.80 ounces of gold received at this Mint for your account on the 5th inst, and amounting to $206.64.

As I have received no response from you, it is presumed the telegram reached you to date.

An error occurred in the Assayers office in copying the result of the assay of your gold. It was properly only 367½/1000. fine, whereas the clerk filled up the blank in the certificate with 741½ which was the fineness of another lot of nearly the same weight as your own thus depriving the owner of a richer deposit of a richer deposit of a considerable sum, which was given to you. The correct sum to which you are entitled for the lot of gold was $105.70 making a difference in your favor of $100.94. The assayer, in whose department the error occurred has advanced the money to pay the deposit against whose interest it appeared and trusts you will send the amount overpaid you

($100.94) at once.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Wm. L. Jobe,
Columbus, Miss.

March 17th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Express receipt for one box containing one thousand Standard Silver dollars, sent you by direction of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.

Messrs Spratt & French,
Aberdeen, Miss.

March 17, 1879.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 11th inst, calling attention to certain vouchers in my account of ordinary expenses for February, I have the honor to say:

In the case of Madden & Wilson for stationery and blanks, the expense was incurred for supplying this Mint with certain blanks which were found to be indispensable for immediate use, the same not having been sent in the lot ordered by your office from Philadelphia. The Clerks of this mint reported about a dozen of these documents which were wanting, for many of which we had no copies except such as had been obtained as samples in the

Philadelphia Mint by our computing clerk, & brought out by Wm. Butterbridge in a very excellent Manual for Mint working which he had compiled for the guidance of the new employes here. A few copies of each description were ordered to be made here, to enable us to begin work. Also two bullion receipt Books - for gold and silver - denoting weight before melting. One of these receipts is given the depositor before assay. I was informed from the Directors offices that these and other important blanks were in the box sent out above referred to, but as they could not be found, and the demand for them was exigent, they were ordered here, but have not been found for.

I shall very gladly avail of the privilege of ordering stationery and blanks from the departments; but as circular No 151. appears to limit requisitions from this Mint to semi annual demands, and as all the things asked for are not sent, it frequently happens that we run short of articles in every day use before the expiration of the prescribed time. By means of supplemental requisitions, however, if allowed we shall be able hereafter to comply strictly with your suggestions.

I inclose copies of the telegraphic despatches asked for, with the remark that those sent to and from Nashville related to instructions necessary to order the Record Clerk who was appointed on the seventh of January to report here for duty. The dispatches to and from Messrs A. N. Andrews. & Co. of Chicago relate to a certain lot of furniture ordered from that firm for the use of this mint by the Secretary of the Treasury.

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Referring to the item for postage stamps, I beg leave to say that in writing to persons out of the city upon matters requiring our answer, it is customary to inclose stamps to prepay the reply, and I understand it is improper to use official stamps for such a purpose. Ordinary stamps were therefore procured, but as yet only a few of them have been used.

Referring to the bills for traveling expenses of Messrs Outerbridge, James and Reed. I will remark that payment was made upon a possible misconstruction of a portion of the letter of the Director dated November 26. 1878. "Their return expenses will also be paid from your appropriation for contingent expenses" I am satisfied this was only intended as a notice that such expenses would be paid by the Director as in other cases for account of this Mint.

The subvoucher to No 93. bill of Geo A. Haggett, covering freight on 6 carboys of Vitriol over the Chicago, St Louis & New Orleans R.R. is also herein inclosed.

Very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

March 18. 1879.

Wm. John Henry
133. Gravier Street

Sir:

I send you accompanying this, a box containing 17.20 oz. old or rather damaged silver coin

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and a considerable quantity of metal of an unknown and composite character, all belonging to Messrs Swain & Phillips, of Canton Miss. The owners desire to have it assayed, the component parts ascertained and stated and the value sent them per draft or otherwise.

I will thank you to test it and value it, send the returns to this mint, after deducting your p^{r} proper charges as ascertained in such cases. If convenient, you may send your checks which I will mail to the owners.

very respectfully,
C. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

March 18th 1879,

Sir:

Inclosed please find Certificate of deposit No 704. of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at New Orleans for $1485.$\frac{20}{100}$ being proceeds of sales of old materials at this Mint for the quarter ending March 31st ult.

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

To the Treasurer U.S.
Washington. D.C.

March 18th 1879.

Messrs Swain & Phillips
Canton. Miss.

Gents:

Inclosed find receipt in form for the box of burnt coin and composite metal sent by you to this Mint as per advices of the 18th inst.

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You will perceive the nominal weight before melting is 71.10 ounces; but an informal test by our assayer developed only 17.20 ounces of standard silver, as this amount is too small for a deposit, and the remainder too base to be received here, the whole has been sent to Wm. John Henry, a professional assayer of this city with instructions to analyze it and make returns as requested by you. Upon the completion of his examination the results and proceeds will be forwarded to you.

Please endorse the inclosed receipt and return to this Mint.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 18. 1879

Wm. James Longinotte,
Water Valley, Miss.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendents Check No 13.955 on Asst Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, for $201.13/100. being proceeds of Silver deposited by you in this Mint on the 14th inst, as per memorandum annexed.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 20th 1879.

Wm. A. Parker.
Bookkeeper. U.S. Mint.

Sir:

The purchasing rate of silver at this Mint is fixed at $1.04 per fine from this date, till

further orders.

Very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 20th, 1879.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your note of yesterday, inquiring if the amount over paid Michael on a note due your bank has been settled, I take pleasure in informing you that it has been, in a manner satisfactory to the Mint- to the Mint and creditable to the bank.

Please accept our thanks for your promptness in the matter.

Very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

T. D. Van Horn, Esq.
Cashier Metropolitan Bank.
New Orleans, La.

March 20th, 1879.

Editor Price Current,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The purchasing rate of silver bullion at this Mint has been changed to $1.06. per ounce for fine.

Very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

March 20th, 1879.

Wm. A Parker
Book Keeper. U. S. Mint.

Sir:

I have to request that you will prepare, for transmission to the Director of the Mint, the approximate amount of silver bullion remaining on hand at the close of business hours every Saturday.

very respectfully.

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

March 20th. 1879.

Messrs Lucas & Phillips.

Canton, Miss.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find statement of assay of the Burnt Silver and base metal sent by you to this Mint as per your advice of the 15th inst. made by Wm. John Henry, assayer, of this city. You will perceive that the deposit contained 17.20 ounces of Standard Silver for which the assayer has sent his check, payable to your order, for the value at 93¢ per oz. less $1.00 for assaying the Zinc, As the latter is of no value, I do not post you to the charge of sending it, but have retained it, subject to your orders.

very respectfully.

J. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

March 20. 1879.

Messrs Pollak & Co.,

Montgomery. Ala.

Gents:

There was received at this Mint on the 19th instant, by Express from Montgomery Alabama, Alabama, a deposit of Silver, without any mark

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of ownership or even letter of advice. As you are the only known correspondents of the Mint in Montgomery it is presumed the silver belongs to you.

Please advise upon the subject.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

March 20th 1879.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a detailed statement of Purchases of silver Bullion at this Mint from the commencement of business as requested in your letter of the 17th inst.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

March 21st 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will send to this Mint. the following blanks;

50 abstract of Petty Expenses for ordinary accounts.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

March 21st 1879.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed memorandum of gold bullion deposited at this Mint by Wm. John Henry of this City, I have to request the decision of your office upon one of the points presented by it.

You will perceive the deposit contains $\frac{10}{1000}$. of silver which is the exact amount allowed for alloy in standard gold, But the assayer of the Mint has deemed it to be his duty to impose a parting charge of $4\frac{14}{100}$, though in fact no parting is required by law, and the value of the .010 of silver is too small to be claimed.

The deposit came to the Mint in the form of a gold brick or ingot, was in good condition, and as you will observe lost nothing by melting.

The assayer imposed the charge of 4¢ per oz. under directions in the last paragraph of page 10. Book of Instructions, though he is not clear that this paragraph is not modified by the following exception on page 11.

"Silver contained in foreign gold coin, when the value does not exceed the expense of parting, no allowance or charge will be made therefor."

Wm. Henry's deposit was gold bullion, but not foreign gold coin. Is there any difference in respect to liability for parting charges?

It is proper to remark that in the present case the depositor has made no formal objection to the memorandum, but merely said he thought a little hard upon him to pay more than four dollars for

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parting silver when not enough of that metal could be found upon which to base a claim for payment.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

March 21st 1879.

Sir:

I have to request the direction of your office upon the following points:

On the 19th inst when the rate of silver bullion at this Mint was $1.09. per oz. fine ten respectable dealers of this city, viz: Messrs Bibne Newman & Bros and Townsend & Lyman bought respectively $68 cts & 1671 cts ounces to be delivered here on the same day, at the ruling rate, Messrs Newman & Bros informed the weigh clerk that they had about the amount named above, but made no specific contract to deliver, Messrs Townsend & Lyman, finding it late in the day when they had purchased their purchase, postponed delivery until the 20th. Messrs Newman were also delayed by the excitement incident to the suspension of a bank in which they had a balance. When these gentlemen came to the Mint on the morning of the 20th with their offerings, they were met by your dispatch changing the rate to $1.08.

Are these firms or either of them entitled under these circumstances to $1.09. per oz or should they be required to stand the

loss in default of making a specific contract of delivery, and having the same entered upon the books of this Mint.

Very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

New Orleans, March 22. 1879

Bloomberg & Raphael. Brownsville. Texas.

Mexican dollars about eighty four and a half cents. New York Exchange quarter discount. Halves and quarters of full weight proportionately equal to dollars, Particulars by mail.

27 Twos, collect.
Answer to 510.
March 21

H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

March 22. 1879.

Gents:

Referring to my dispatch of this date to you, I here to say further in regard to the exchange of Mexican dollars for New York sight funds:

This Mint purchases silver bullion at the rate, for the present, of $1.08 cents per ounce for fine. A full weight Mexican dollar contains about .785 of fine silver, making the value about 84⅞ a portion over 84½ cents. Halves and quarters if of proportionate weight will yield a proportionate value.

When the amount of a purchase is ascertained, after deducting the Mint charges the owner of the bullion is paid in Standard silver dollars, either in the form of coin at the Mint or checks on the Assistant Treasurer of the United

states at New Orleans. The Mint has no authority to purchas New York exchange for the purpose of remittance, but sometimes, under special directions of the owners of bullion living at a distance this is done for their convenience. In such cases the value in standard silver dollars is inverted in a New York sight draft at the bank rates, which is mailed to the seller in lieu of a Superintendents check. It is preferable, however that you shoud consign your bullion to some City firm or bank with instructions to sell and remit such funds as you require.

You may, however, if you deem it to your best interests to do so, send direct to the Mint whereupon the proper returns, in the form of a receipt will be sent you. This receipt you will be required to indorse and sent back here, when a check as above described or a sight draft on New York will be mailed to you in payment.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Messrs Blumberg & Raphael,
Brownsville Texas.

March 22d, 1879

Gents

In reply to your communication of the 19th I have to say:

Mexican dollars are now worth as this Mint, about 84½ cents each. This is based on the present purchasing rate $108 for fine. There would be a melting charge of .50¢ on a deposit of $500, which amount can be laid down here by the express charges from your city to

New Orleans.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Mesprs Cargill & Co.
Houston, Texas.

March 24th. 1879.

Mesprs Pollak & Co.,
Montgomery Ala.

Gents;

Inclosed please find Mint receipt-No 153.
for 343.70 ounces Silver bullion received from you
per express, on the 19th inst.

The delay in this matter was caused by
the uncertainty of ownership, Please instruct your
shipping Clerk hereafter to write your name on the
tag, or put your address inside as in case of other
packages come in from Montgomery at the same
time and in the same manner, there might be
difficulty in finding which was the owner.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

March 24th. 1879.

Mesprs Evens & Howard.
St Louis. Mo.

Gents:

Acknowledging receipt of your communi-
cation of the 19th. I have to say that the amount
of your bill has been included in estimates sent
to Washington for advance of funds for March,
and a check will be remitted as soon as draft
is received from the Treasurer.

very respectfully.
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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March 24th. 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Express receipt for two boxes containing each $2,000. Standard Silver dollars ($4,000. in both) sent you by direction of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.
D. L. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Knowles & Brent.
Pensacola, Fla.

March 25th. 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith Statement of the purchases of Bullion at this Mint for the months of January and February 1879. You will perceive the statements contain both gold and silver.

I also inclose informally the memorandum handed me by the bookkeeper of the Mint in lieu of a statement of "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production."

All the bullion heretofore offered at this Mint has come here in the shape of coin (Mexican chiefly) American plate, and bars manufactured here from old gold and silver, none of it, so far as I have been able to learn, was of domestic production, which had not been previously reported as such, when received from first hands.

Very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio Bouchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

March 25th 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your information and approval the following transfers and promotions in the Coining department of this Mint, to take effect on and after April 1st 1879.

Charles M. Strong, from counter to cutter, and compensation increased from $2 to $2.25 per diem.

Wm Emma Kaye from adjuster to counter and compensation increased from $1.75 to $2 per diem.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

March 25th 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you send to this office two hand stamps for the purpose of affixing the "penalty clause" to official envelopes to be used after the 1st of May, next, as directed in Department Circular No 44, series 1879.

There will be a large quantity of official envelopes remaining on hand in this Mint on that date, of assorted sizes viz: 6's, 8¾'s, 9's, and 9½'s.

I have to request that you will send for use after the 1st of May, 250 No 11½ envelopes with printed address, "Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. and 250 do. same size without address.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

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March 27th 1879.

Sir.

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 184 for 74,50 ounces Silver bullion received for your account.

Upon return of receipt duly endorsed by you a check for the amount of the value will be sent you.

very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm C W. Stevens,
Rienzi Miss.

March 27th 1879.

Messrs Pollak & Co,
Montgomery,
Gents:

Inclosed please find Superintendent. Check No 13.978. on Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans for $336 74/100 and memorandum of weight and assay of the silver bullion received at this Mint for your account on the 19th inst.

very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

March 27th 1879.

Sir;

Your favor of the 26th inst. inclosing a letter from Wm L. D. Brooks is received.

In reply I have to say the mint is at present paying for silver the rate of $1.04 per fine ounce. That is about 84½ cents a piece for Mexican dollars if of full weight and fineness. The mint only buys them at bullion.

very respectfully
F. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk

Wm A. P. Nelson
Mobile, Ala.

March 27th 1879.

Messrs Evens & Howard.
St Louis, Mo.

Gents:

Inclosed please find sight draft No. 1831. of La Savings Bank this City on Valley National Bank, St. Louis, your favor for $828 50/100 being amount of your bill rendered for pinebrick &c furnished this Mint.

very respectfully.
T. G. Ivory.
Chief Clerk.

March 29th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Express receipt for one box containing one thousand standard Silverdollars sent you by direction of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully.
T. G. Ivory.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Paul W. Orris.
Palatka, Putnam Co.
Fla.

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March 28th 1879.

Wm L. Jobe.

Columbus, Miss.

Sir:

Your communication of the 21st inst. was received to-day.

After returning proper thanks for your expressed willingness to make things satisfactory, I have the honor to say:

There was no mistake made in this Mint in your case either in the matter of weighing or assaying your deposits Nor has any mistake been made of any kind which is not susceptible of easy correction. As explained in my letter to you of the 17th the assayer Clerk, in transcribing the result of your assay of gold inadvertently copied that of another lot which was much higher than yours,

This error was transmitted to the Computing Clerk Clerks, who gave you credit for 741/1000 fine when in reality your gold was of a very low and inferior grade and only showed a fineness of 367½/1000 By multiplying the fine with the weight, you will perceive the difference thus made made in your favor. The assayer also found in your gold the amount of silver as shown in the corrected memorandum sent you on the 17th. We have the gold yet on hand exactly as it was delivered to the assayer after melting. It is so low in quality that the Mint would have been fully justified in returning it to you as being too base to be received, But this would have put you to some expense which we wished to save you.

In regard to the matter of discrepancy in weights:

You deposited your silver at 27 ounces,

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The Mint weighted was 2460 a difference against you of 240 ounces, equal to $2.35-, you stated your gold to be 13 ounces, whereas it really weighed 13.53- oz, making a difference in your favor of $3.77, and a total in value of $1.42 more than you originally claimed. I cannot see that you have any cause of complaint on the score of weighing, you must certainly be aware that the quality of bullion you sent to the Mint varied notably up to 1741+ as it was composed of odds and ends of jewelry, which it was difficult to persuade the operative officer to accept.

The difference between the value of your bullion and the amount you received for it has, of course, been refunded to the government by the assayers' chief clerk who made the error in transcribing the assayers report, His was the only mistake made, and he is a poor man with a small salary and a family to support. The loss will fall upon him unless you refund the amount wrongfully paid you in consequence of his oversight.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Ivory.
Chief Clerk.

New Orleans, March 31st, 1879

Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.

Excuse my asking, may we not get a little more for silver bullion than one hundred and eight- cents?

32 inds. chg gilt bds

T. G. Ivory.
Chief Clerk.

H. S. Foote.
Supt U.S. Mint.

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100. 94/100.

At sight pay to the order of Louisiana Savings Bank of New Orleans, one hundred 94/100 Dollars and charge to acct of.

H. S. Foote.

Supt U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

To Wm L. Jobe
Care Williams, Johnson & Co.
Columbus. Miss.

March 31st 1879.

Wm J. C. Schmeltze.
Deposit Clerk.
U. S. Mint.

Sir:

The purchase rate of silver bullion has been fixed at $1.09 per ounce for fine till further notice

Respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.

March 31st 1879

Sir:

The purchasing rate for silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces has been fixed at $1.09 per ounce for fine.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Townsend & Lyman.
New Orleans. La.

March 31st 1879.

Sir:

I have, upon the written recommendation

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of Wm. M. V. Davis, Carver, and for the reasons stated in his letter of explanation, herein inclosed, appointed the following named persons as adjusters, at a compensation of $1.75 per diem, to take effect on the 1st prox.

Miss Adelia R Harris.
Miss Katie Lee
Mrs. Louise Clark
Mrs. Florence L Norris
Mrs. Anna Castell
Miss Susanna Kundert
Mrs. Annie Hill
Mrs. Maynard

The oaths of misses Kundert and Lee, and Mesdames Norris and Clark are herewith inclosed, & the others will be forwarded as soon as they are received.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

March 31st 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Express receipt for two boxes containing four thousand dollars in Standard Silver dollars sent you by order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.

Messrs Knowles & Brent,
Pensacola, Fla.

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March 31st 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Monthly report of labor working in the Coiners department for March.

very respectfully.
W. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

March 31st 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendent-Check No 13.984 on Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans for $74.00, being the results of a lot of silver bullion received from you at the Mint on the 27th ult.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. C. M. Reeves.
Recvr. Mint.

New Orleans, March 31st 1879.

Director of the Mint. Washington D.C.

Approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand unconied, sixty-seven thousand ounces standard. Amount coined for March one hundred and one thousand standard dollars.

Chge gold water

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk

W. S. Foote.
Supt U. S. Mint.

April 1st 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ultimo making inquiries as to the cost of receiving Mexican silver dollars, & the price paid by the Mint therefor is received.

In reply I have to say the Mint does not receive Mexican silver dollars for private persons but buys them of the owner at a stated rate. The rate is at present $1.09. per ounce for fine silver. That makes a Mexican dollar worth about .856 cents a piece if of full weight & fineness. You can consign your deposits either to a city house or to the Mint direct.

Very respectfully,
J. L. Graey.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. O. Cheaney,
Ozark, Arkansas.

April 1st 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a statement of reserved pieces (Standard Silver Dollars) for annual test of coins, and for special assay, out of the deliveries from the coiner for the quarter ending March 31st 1879.

Also the quarterly report of the old material sold during the same period.

The coins embraced in the statement have been sent to the Philadelphia Mint, and the money for the old material turned into the treasury, and a certificate of deposit, therefor forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

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April 1st, 1879,

Sir:

I have sent to you addressed this day by Express, one box containing 6 thousand pieces, (Standard Silver Dollars) for the annual trial of coins, being deliveries as follows.

Feby	27	—	5	pieces.	March	15	— 8 pieces
"	28	—	6	"	"	17	— 6 "
March	4	—	3	"	"	22	— 5 "
"	6	—	2	"	"	25	— 5 "
"	7	—	3	"	"	31	— 16 "
"	8	—	3	"	"		

very respectfully,
H. D. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon A. Louden Snowden
Supt U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.

April 1st, 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find duplicate Express receipt for ten boxes containing twenty thousand Standard silver dollars sent by order of the Treasurer of the United States, in your care, to Messrs Doddridge and Davis, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

W. Charles Fowler Esqr.
Galveston,
Texas

April 1st 1879.

Wm F K Jones.
Cleveland. Ohio.

Sir;

I inclose herewith at the request of Wm Fiedeman, duplicate receipt for $18. being the amount of your note held by him. Upon return of receipt duly signed by you, your note will be taken up and sent you by mail, or held subject to your order.

very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

April 1st 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith the report of Bullion Operations in the Melting and Refining department of this Mint for the month of March ultimo.

Also a statement of Coinage executed during the same month.

very respectfully.
H. D. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

April 1st 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 194 for 20,837 30/100 ounces silver bullion, being the weight before melting of the contents of 24 bags of Mexican dollars received this day for your account as per your order by wire sent yesterday.

Since my letter to you of the 22nd inst.

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the purchasing rate of silver bullion has been advanced, by order of the Treasury Department to $1.09 per ounce fine. You will receive, therefore, one cent per ounce more than the first advice promised you. I am informed by the President of the New Orleans National Bank that we can deposit the proceeds of your bullion in coin in his bank, and receive therefor New York Exchange at bank rates. On Saturday, for instance, you would have had the advantage of 1/16 discount. It is impossible to say what the rate will be on Friday or Saturday, about which time your bullion will have been assayed and its value computed.

In the meantime, however, the instructions contained in your letter of the 24th will be strictly observed.

There are certain charges on your bullion, consisting of $1.05 44/100 for freight to Messrs C.A. Whitney & Co. and 3 60/100 for drayage from the landing to the Mint. These charges will be deducted from the proceeds and the net remainder forwarded in draft to your New York house.

You will please endorse and return the inclosed receipt, whereupon a detailed statement will be sent you.

Very respectfully,
J.L. Gracy,
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Bloomberg & Raphael.
Brownsville,
Texas.

April 2nd 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith receipts of the Coiner and the Melter and Refiner for amount of Standard Silver bullion delivered to them respectively, during the quarter ending March 31st 1879.

very respectfully.
N. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon.
Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

April 2nd 1879.

Sir:

Referring to the inclosed report of the monthly count and examination of coin in the Mint for the end of March. I beg leave to call your attention to the statement of U.S. Treasury notes, which appears on the face. These notes have been received by the Cashier from time to time, from private parties in accordance with verbal instructions communicated to me, in Washington in the Month of February. The amount represented by these notes has heretofore, been reported in the daily statements to the Director and weekly to the Treasurer, as so much in Standard Silver Dollars, but I conceive that it might be proper that the Treasurer as well as yourself should be advised of the amount of currency held by us from time to time, at least once a month. Before making the report to the Treasurer however, I have deemed it proper to ask your instructions in the matter.

Very Horatio

very respectfully.
N. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Monthly Account and Examination of Coin,
Mint of the United States at New
Orleans, La. March 31st, 1879.

Denomination			
Standard Silver dollars } 63,512 Pieces }			$63,512 00
U.S. Treasury Notes.			
4	$1,000. Notes	$4000.00	
2	500 "	1000.00	
3	100 "	300.00	
2	50 "	100.00	
10	20 "	200.00	
13	10 "	130.00	
18	5 "	90.00	
5	2 "	10.00	
7	1 "	7.00.	5837.00
			69349.00

H. S. Foote
Superintendent

April 2nd, 1879.

To the Bookkeeper
And the deposit Clerk,
Gents:

Under instructions from the Director of the Mint you are hereby required to omit from your accounts the amount of $4.14/100 imposed by the Assayer as a parting charge, on deposit No 85 gold bullion by John Henry in March ult.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

April 2nd 1879.

Wm. Daniel B. Edmunston.

706 Chouteau Ave. St Louis, Mo.

Sir: Your postal card addressed to the Superintendent of date, March 31st ult, is duly received. In reply I am directed to say:

This Mint buys Mexican dollars as bullion, paying therefor, at present, $1.09. per oz for fine, or standard silver dollars.

A Mexican dollar is of full weight and the proper fineness contains about 416/1000, or 7 fine silver, making its value about 85½ cents.

You can send by express direct to the Mint, or consign to a city house.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

April 3rd 1879.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 31st ultimo making inquiries as to what the Government pays for old Mexican & American Silver, in the shape of forks, cups, spoons etc, is received.

In reply I have to say that such silver ounces comes under the head of Plate and is bought as all other for the pure silver therein contained.

The Government authorizes us to purchase bullion at present at the rate of $1.09 per ounce for fine silver. You can consign your deposit either to a city house or to the Mint direct

Very respectfully.

Wm. H. McCraken
Houston, Texas

T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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April 3rd 1879.

Hon E Abell.
Judge First District Court
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I have the honor to request you to excuse from attendance on the Jury of your Court, Thos P. McWatters one of the night watchmen of this Mint, and whose services I deem indispensable.

I should be willing to waive the exemption granted by law to employes of this Mint (Rev Stat, 2126) in any case where the interests of the public service were not involved; but in this instance my duty as Superintendent leaves me no other alternative.

Hoping you may excuse the juror without detriment to the progress of the business of the Court on acconnt of his absence, I remain

Yours very respectfully.
N. S. Forte.
Superintendent.

April 3rd 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 200, for 164,240 ounces Silver Bullion received this day by Express for your acct. Upon the return of this receipt duly indorsed by you, a draft on New York will be sent Messrs D. H. Raymond & Co. of Austin, Texas. as instructed by you in your letter of the 28th ult.

The rate of exchange has advanced within the past few days, being quoted this Morning at ⅛ premium, but it may possibly recede before the Amount realized for your Bullion becomes

eligible.

very respectfully.
T. G. Terry
Chief Clerk.

Wm. G. M. Elder
Sherman Texas.

April 8th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 200, for 164.140 ounces silver bullion received this day by Express for your acct. Upon the return of this receipt duly indorsed by you, a draft on New York will be sent.

April 8th 1879.

A Baldwin Esq.
President N. O. Nat'l Bank.

Sir:

Please receive for account of U. S. Mint at New Orleans $20,000, in Standard silver dollars to be invested in sight Exchange on New York, the amount of which will be made known to you hereafter.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent

April 3rd 1879.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst to the Supt. I am directed to say:

The mutilated silver coin (U. S. Currency) and the foreign coin referred to by you will be purchased by this Mint, and paid for at the rate current on the day the deposit is

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received. The present price is $1.09 per ounce for fine silver.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

D. T. Parker.
Pres Dauphin St. R.R. Co.
Mobile. Ala.

April 3rd 1879

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 31st ult. requesting me to "submit an itemized statement of old material sold" I have the honor to state that such a statement was forwarded to you on the 1st inst. The certificate of deposit was sent for the Treasurer of U.S. as soon as the several amounts realized for the sale of the material were collected, and the itemized statement reserved till the close of the quarter.

In this connection, I have again to request your instructions in regard to the best manner of disposing of old material

It is a matter of some doubt with me whether a statement of the quality and quantity should not be forwarded to the Director together with the amount offered for it by responsible parties, and then await your approval or disapproval of the transaction.

Another obvious mode would be by advertisement and sale by auction to the highest bidder But, as this would involve an expenditure for advertising, which appears to first require the formal approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and fees of an auctioneer required by local law. It would

be impractical in cases where dispatch is desirable

The mode adopted in the present case was to invite offers from several houses in good standing and accept those who proposed the best terms.

There yet remains a considerable quantity of old broken castings, grate bars, plates &c and a small quantity of old brass and copper which though very much in the way of the operations, I have decided to hold until instructed by the Department upon the usual mode of disposing of such property in the other Mints,

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

April 3rd 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a detailed statement of Silver Bullion purchased at this Mint during the Month of March 1879. being a corrected report made in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of the 31st ult.

very respectfully,
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

April 4th 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval

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the following change in the assayers department of this Mint:

Samuel R. Stewart workman promoted to first weigher in the assayers laboratory and his compensation increased from $2.50 to $4.00 per diem, to take effect from the 1st. inst.

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

April 4th. 1879.

New Orleans National Bank.
New Orleans. La.

I send you herewith, to be invested in New York sight exchange, at current rate favor Bloomberg & Raphael, funds as follows.

Cashiers Certificate S.S. Dolls =	$20.000.
Superintendents Check 13.993.00	339.61
Silver coin	20.85
	20.360.46

very respectfully.
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

April 4th, 1879.

Gents.

Inclosed please find Mint receipt for 111 $\frac{00}{100}$ ounces silver bullion received per express for your acct.

Upon return of the Mint to pay for silver bullion in Standard Silver dollars which can be sent you in the form of Superin-

tendent- check on the Assistant- Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans. If however you specially direct and authorize it, we will invest the amount in a currency Check, either on New York, New Orleans or Texas, and send you the net amount realized, or the money may be sent you in a registered letter.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Cargill & Co.
Houston, Texas.

April 4th 1879.

Sir:

In consequence of the constant necessity for the services of a painter throughout the several departments of this Mint, I have decided after consulting the operative officers, that it would be a measure of economy to employ one for general and constant employment, in preference to submitting to the charges of contractors.

To this end I have appointed and respectfully submit my action for your approval Sidney L. Vail to be a painter in the General department, at a compensation of $2.00 per diem to take effect from this date.

I have also to report that Randall Brown gate Keeper, has tendered his resignation to take effect on the 1st inst, which has been accepted, and his name dropped from the rolls.

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

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Gents:

I have the honor to inclose, herewith, for your information and action.

1 Certificate of Deposit - No 214. for $6823.64.
2 do " " 215 " 6823.64
3 do " " 216 " 6823.64
4 Memorandum of weights of 24 bags silver bullion received from you on the 1st inst.
5 Memorandum of net proceeds of same
6 Receipted freight bill C. A. Whitney & Co. for $105.84
7 Do Dray bill Ed J. Shaw for 3.60
8 Do do " John Ahlen 1.00
9 Duplicate bill of exchange of N.O. National Bank (No 13.876) on American Exchange National Bank of New York favor Blomberg & Raphael for 20,364.64. being net proceeds of 20,360.46 invested at 1/8 percent premium.

Since the Superintendents dispatch and letter of the 22nd ult were sent you, New York exchange has advanced from 1/4 discount to 1/8 premium, though the prices of bullion have also advanced during the same period one cent per ounce you will thus gain on the one more than you lose on the other.

I have mailed to your house, Nos 172 and 174, Church Street New York, the original bill of exchange, as instructed by you in your letter to the Superintendent dated 21st inst.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blomberg & Raphael.
Brownsville, Texas.

April 4th 1879.

Genl:

Inclosed, please find sight draft No 13,786. of the New Orleans National Bank on the American Exchange National Bank of New York for $20,334 64/11 currency, sent you as instructed by your Treasurer house. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blomberg & Raphael,
172 & 174 Church Street,
New York, City.

April 5th 1879

Hon W. R. Whitaker
Judge Superior Criminal Court.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have the honor to request you to excuse, from attendance on the jury of your Court Peter Kiernan, Registrar of Deposits of this Mint, and whose services I deem indispensable.

I am willing to waive the exemption granted by law to employés of this Mint (Rev Stat 2126), in any case where the interests of the public service are not involved; but in this instance my duty as superintendent leaves me no other alternative,

Hoping you may excuse the juror without detriment to the progress of the business of the Court, or inconvenience to himself, I remain

Your respectfully.
N. S. Boote.
Superintendent.

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April 4th 1879

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith two official letters addressed to me, one by the Coiner, and the other by the Melter and Refiner of this Mint. These gentlemen are so well known to me as persons of scientific attainments and sound practical judgement in regard to all matters connected with their respective departments, that though much disinclined to expend the public money too lavishly in the operations of the Mint, I have not felt at liberty to disapprove the recommendations they have made as to changes in the organization of their operative forces and to a moderate increase, in some instances of the present salaries of persons in their employment. For these reasons, I do therefore, respectfully submit for your approval the following changes, promotions and increase of compensation to take effect from the 1st inst.

In the Coining Department:

A Houston Jr promoted to coining room, and compensation increased from $3, to $3.50 per day.

Jules Gouzy promoted to adjuster of scales and compensation increased from $3.25 to $3.50 per day.

Auge Talmes promoted to foreman of machine shop, with no increase in compensation.

John W. Donellan promoted to charge of milling and selecting, and compensation increased from $2.50 to $3.50 per day.

John McCue promoted to foreman of rolling room and compensation increased from $2.25 to $3.50 per day.

Jacob Knudsen, promoted to foreman of Cleaning room, and compensation increased from $2.50 to $3.50 per diem.

Also increase of pay of workmen in same Department.

A.J. Black Machinist - from $2.50 to $3.00 per day

A.A. Hebert do $2.50 " $3 " " "

A.J. Redmond Asst Engineer $2.50 " $3 " " "

E Many Workman $2.25 " $2.75 " "

Delphin Murgamme " 2.00 " 2.75 " "

W. Berget " 2.25 " 2.75 " "

I have also transfered from the Corners to the General Department the following employes without change of compensation.

J.F. Kelly Engineer

John Donovan. Foreman

W. Berget Blacksmith

Thomas Freeman do

Frederick Schuster Carpenter

A Peperconn do

In the Metter and Repairs Department

Louis Leclerc pay increased from $3.00 to $3.25

John Marley " " " 3 " " " 3.25

W. F. Federman " " " 2.25 " 2.50

Michael Brady " " " 2.25 2.50

Ed B. O Neil " " " 2.00 2.25

James Parker " " " 2.00 2.25

I have also appointed in the General Department, Arthur L. Herodet as Messenger in place of Thos H. Jenks, who has been given leave of absence from the 31st instant without pay. The appointment of Mr. Herodet to take effect from this date is herein inclosed.

Very respectfully.

H. S. Foote

Superintendent.

Hon Horatio Bunchard.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

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April 7th 1879.

Sir:

I send you by todays mail my report of receipts and disbursements on account of ordinary Expenses for the month of March ult. This report has been unavoidably delayed a day or two by the involuntary absence, of ten of the employes (Messrs Fred K. Jones and Thos H Jenks.

In the matter of the first named; He was granted a leave of absence for twenty, one days, for the purpose of taking his wife, to Cleveland, Ohio, to be confined. While in that city, an accident happened to Mr. Jones, small son, resulting in a broken arm: and this together with his wifes delicate and precarious condition of health, delayed him beyond the period of his leave of absence. He returned to duty this morning, destitute of funds for his immediate and pressing needs, besides being in debt; Under these circumstances, I have decided to allow him and herewith submit my action for your approval full pay during his absence. For convenience I have taken his account off the pay roll of the Melter & Refiner and added it to that of the General Department.

When Mr. Jenks (who has also been absent without leave) returns to sign, I will cause duplicate receipts to be made for the amount due him, one of which will be sent you with my rept of April

You will perceive that the payments for account of repairs have been exceptionally heavy during the month of March, A large portion of the expense was incurred or contracted for by my predecessor, in the necessary work

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of repairing our Large Engine, laying on & such new pipe to let in water from the river, and a smaller one for draining back to the same.

The work of fitting up the rooms of the Superintendent, the Coiner and the Melter and Refiner has nearly all been done for in March, and I am glad to be able to say finally completed in a substantial and satisfactory manner.

Very respectfully
H. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon,
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

April 7th 1879.

Sir:

Your favor of the 4th inst, making inquiries as to the price paid for Mexican silver dollars at this Mint, is received.

In reply I have to say that the current rate paid for silver is $1.09 per ounce for fine silver. That is about 85 4/16 cents per Mexican dollar when of full weight and fineness. The Mint purchases all bullion in deposits of less than ten thousand ounces. You can consign your deposits either to a city house or to the Mint direct

Very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. John B. Trice
Hopkinsville.
Ky.

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April 7th 1879.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst making inquiries as to what the Mint pays for pitchers, waiters, goblets &c is received.

In reply I have to say that such bullion comes under the head of Plate & is bought at the same rate as all other, for the fine silver therein contained. The Mint pays at present $1.09. per ounce for all pure silver subject to a small Mint charges, You can consign your deposit either to some city house or to the Mint direct.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. J. Barber,
Hickory. Miss.

April 7th 1879.

Sir:

Referring to my communication of the 4th inst submitting certain changes in the compensation of employees, I desire to supply a clerical omission in the last paragraph, page 4.

Arthur D Stewart, appointed messenger in place of Thos. H. Jenks, &c, to which should be added; at a compensation of $3 per diem.

Wm. Stewart is an experienced and competent book keeper, and will be able, when not employed with his regular duties of messenger, to render valuable assistance to the cashier. As the last named officer is required to keep the accounts of receipts and disbursements of six different appropriations and take care of the vouchers and pay rolls, besides attending to the transfer

orders drawn upon the Mint for coin by the Treasurer of the United States, his duties have grown to be rather onerous for one man, and the assistance of such an accountant, as Mr Blount will be very acceptable to him.

very respectfully.
H. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

April 7th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 213, for 4344.50 ounces silver bullion, being the weight before melting of five bags of Mexican dollars, received this day per Morgan Steamship Line, for your account.

You will please endorse the receipt and return it to this Mint. In the meantime a sight draft will be sent your New York house for the net amount after the bullion has been assayed and its value ascertained.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blomberg & Raphael.
Brownsville, Texas.

April 7th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a communication for the coiner relative to the purchase of certain articles of new machinery which are deemed by him

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necessary for putting his department in a better condition for service.

I have to request that you will order the things required to be sent to this Mint at the earliest practicable moment, and direct the bills to be submitted to you for approval and payment out of the appropriation for repairs and machinery of this Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully.
N. S. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

April 8th 1879.

Sir:

I have received your statement of my disbursing accounts dated April 1st 1879. and find the balances therein reported, viz:

Silver Bullion account	U.S. Dolls	$33.447.79
Gold " "	U.S. Currency	39.105.34
Ordinary Expense acct		5.083.35

to be correct with the exception of the Silver bullion account, which showed be $33.447.59

I have also examined the numbers dates and accounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records except debit No 13.951, which your statement reports at $71 cts whereas, the correct amount is $71 79/100.

I will thank you to debit my silver bullion account with 20 cents, which will make your balance agree with my records.

Very respectfully
N. S. Foote
Superintendent

Hon Benj Flanders.
Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New Orleans, La.

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April 8th 1879.

Sir:

I inclose herein one Standard Silver dollar, it being the special assay piece required by par. 9. page 20 Book of Instructions, to be reserved from the first delivery in the current month.

very respectfully.
H. V. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon A Louden Snowden.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.

April 8th 1879

Sir:

I have mailed to-day in a registered letter to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint. One Standard Silver dollar, being the special assay price required by par. 9. page 20. Book of Instructions reserved out of the first delivery for April, instant.

very respectfully.
H. V. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

April 8th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find duplicate Express receipts for one Box containing one Thousand Standard Silver Dollars sent you by order of the Treasurer of the United States.

very Respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Woodstock Iron Co.
Anniston. Ala.

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U. S. Mint at,
New Orleans, La.
April 1st 1879

March 31st 1879.

156	156.	156			156	156
180	180.	360			180	360
380	380	1140	61	183.	319	957
250	250	1500	66	510	165.	990
35	35	245	6	42	29	203
48	48	480	2	20	46	460
78	78	936	8	96	70	840
66	66	990	3	45	63	945
26	26	624	12.	288.	14.	336
1219.	1219.	6431	177.	1184	1042.	5247

H. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

April 8th 1879.

Sir:

I send you today by mail my reports of the purchase of gold and silver bullion for the quarter ending March 31st 1879. Also, an account current of ordinary expenses for the same period.

very respectfully
H. L. Foote.
Superintendent.

Hon.
Horatio C. Burchard,
Washington,
D. C.

April 4th 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you send to this Mint 100 sheets for reports, same style and ruling as the sample herewith inclosed.

Also, two copying books, with 1 pages 16 x 12 inches.

very respectfully.
N. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

April 9. 1879.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish the following articles of Stationery for the use of this Mint during the six months ending June 30th 1879.

1500 envelopes as per sample annexed
2 Gross rubber bands, sample No 1
3 " " " " " 2
1 " " " " " 3
1 " " " " " 4
1 " " " " " 5
1 " " " " " 6
2 doz, memorandum blocks
1 lb of Pins
1 doz Steel Erasers
1/2 " Davids' Carmine Ink, No 3.

April 9th 1879

Sir:

I inclose herein a requisition on the Secretary

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of the Treasury for certain articles of Stationery, needed for immediate use in the several departments of this Mint.

very respectfully,
N. L. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Additional to above requisition.

2 boxes No 6 Gills Fasteners
1 Oz balls Twine suitable for tying bags of coin.

As most of the before named articles are wanted for immediate use, I have to request that they be sent by express.

very respectfully.
N. L. Foote
Superintendent

Hon John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

April 9th 1879.

Sir:

Your favor of the 8th instant making inquiries as to what per ounce Mexican ounces are worth, is received.

In reply I have to state that Mexican dollars of full weight and fineness are worth about $1.05 6/10 cents apiece at this Mint, which is at present $1.08 per fine ounce, The Mint assays them and pays for the pure silver therein contained. There is no higher price

in New Orleans, than that paid at the Mint, in proof thereof the brokers buying bullion here and elsewhere sell it to this Mint, of course making and advance thereby, You can consign your bullion to some house in this City or to the Mint-direct.

very respectfully
J. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

W. H. Peterson, E.N.
Union Springs Ala.

April 9th 1879.

W. T. Adams, Esq.
Reinzi, Mississippi.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 219, for 84.90 ounces fine bullion received by Express for your account on the 8th inst. You will please indorse this receipt and return it to the Mint, when a receipt for the amount will be mailed you as accustomed.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk

April 10th 1879.

Wm. J. S. Watkins, Cashier.
Louisiana Savings Bank.

Sir:

I wish to invest inclosed superintendents Check No 14,000. for 269.73 as follows. In check on Galveston, Texas, favor of Cargill & Co. ———
to amount of ——— 107.83
In check on New York in favor of G. M.
Elder to amount of 160.40
Return cash per Express 1.50
$269.73

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

April 10th 1879.

Gentlemen:

I inclose herewith memorandum of proceeds of 111.80 ounces silver bullion received at this Mint for your account on the 4th inst. deducting $1.00 for express charges, there remains to your credit $107.83 which I have invested in a check (No 1846) of the Louisiana Savings Bank of this City on the Galveston Bank and Trust Comp'y I find it somewhat difficult to buy checks on Houston but presume Galveston Exchange will answer your purpose quite as well.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Cargill & Co.
Houston, Texas.

April 10th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find memorandum of proceeds of 164.40 ounces of silver bullion received for your account on the 8th inst, also sight check of Louisiana Savings Bank - No 12.050 for $160. being the value of $166.40 U.S. dollars invested in New York exchange as per your instructions of the 7th inst.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

G. W. Etter, Esq.
Sherman, Texas.

April 10th 1879.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 8th inst I have to reply.

Mexican dollars are purchased at this Mint as silver bullion at the rate of $1.09 per ounce for fine. They average about 7/100 of 1 per cent silver silver each, if of full weight and fineness making them worth here about 85 3/10 cents. You can send direct to the Mint by Express, or consign to a city house.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Joseph Zimmern.
Livingston.
Ala.

April 10th 1879.

Germania National Bank.
New Orleans, La

Please invest the inclosed Superintendents Check No 14.003. on the Assistant Treasurer U.S. New Orleans. for $ 4.224 57/100 Standard Silver dollars, in Sight Exchange on New York city, favor Blomberg & Raphael at accustomed rates.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

April 10th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herein for your information:
1. Memorandum of weights and fineness of pic bags Mexican dollars, received for your ac-

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count at this Mint per U.S. Arcanas on the 7th inst

2. Memorandum giving the net proceeds of the same after deducting the Mint-charges, freightage and drayage;

3. Duplicate bills of Exchange No 128, 195 drawn by the Germania National Bank of New Orleans on Fourth National Bank of New York, payable for $ 4,214.05 being the result of investing $ 4,224.37 U.S. Dolls in Exchange at 1/4 % premium.

I have sent by mail the original draft to your house, No 172 & 178 Church Street New York.

You will perceive that the course of New York Exchange is still upward, and the papers this morning quote it strong at 1/4 premium.

We have dispensed with the formality of sending of sending certificates for your signature as it delays transactions, and might, if ours were lost, complicate our accounts; You will however, please sign the receipts attached to the three inclosed in my last letter, Also, the inclosed the two Mint-receipts denoting the weight before Melting of the lots of bullion represented by them.

I have received from your New York House a letter dated the 5th instant, acknowledging receipt of the first bill of Exchange sent them by your directions.

Hoping to hear further from you

Remain,

Yours very respectfully.

C. G. Gracy.

Chief Clerk.

Messrs Bloomberg & Rafael,
Brownsville, Texas.

April 10th 1879.

Gentlemen;

Inclosed please find sight draft No 124,195. drawn by the Germania National Bank of New Orleans on Fourth National Bank of New York, your favor for $4214.05 sent you by direction of Jno Brownsville Jones,

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Bloomberg & Raphael.
172 & 174 Church Street.
New York City.

April 11th 1879.

Sir;

I inclose herewith corrected transcripts of Bullion accounts Current from the 22nd to the 31st March ult, and Statement of the Bullion Fund for the same period, called for in your dispatch of yesterday.

Also similar corrections for the period between the 31st March and the 5th instant

very respectfully,
H. S. Foote,
Superintendent.

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer, U.S.
Washington, D.C

New Orleans, La
April 12th 1879.

New

New Orleans

Thirteen thousand eight hundred

Dolls. (#13.800.)

June 30th 1879.

1879

Dec 21st " 1878.

New Orleans		#1,800
"	"	6,500.
"	"	1,500
Repairs & Machinery	"	4,000
		13.800.

H. S. Foote.

April 12th " 1879.

Sir:

The subjoined extract from a letter of the Director of the Mint to the Superintendent of date January 23, 1879. is furnished you for your information and action.

I am instructed by the Superintendent to request you to furnish the schedule of charges refused to by the Director whenever the experience in the workings of your department shall enable you to obtain the facts necessary for such a purpose.

[Extract]

"I have to request that you will instruct your Melter and Refiner to prepare a schedule of charges in accordance with Section 25. of the Coinage act of 1873. as soon as experience has demonstrated the cost of the several operations, and that you will submit the same for the action of this office"

very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

(Signed)

very respectfully,
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano,
Melter and Refiner,
U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

April 12th 1879.

Sir:

Refering to your letter of January 14th 1879. I desire to call your attention to an apparent discrepancy in the instructions of the Director and the practice of the Treasurer of the United States in the matter of decreasing the Silver Bullion Fund of this Mint. I am instructed by you:

"It must be borne in mind that this (bullion) fund cannot lawfully be decreased or increased except by a transfer order drawn in your favor or upon you by the Treasurer of the U.S. and countersigned by the Secretary and Register of the Treasury. &c."

Now in the case of the Woodstock Iron Company of Anniston, Ala; Messrs Pratt & French of Aberdeen, Miss. Knowles & Brent of Pensacola, Florida; Doddridge & Davis of Corpus Christi Texas, the Treasury merely directed to me a transfer letter signed only by himself. Ordinary the amounts of Standard dollars therein named, respectively to be sent which was done in each case

In the case of the San Antonio

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National Bank, however, a transfer order duly
form, signed by the three officers named in your
instructions was issued and presented by the
agents of the Express Company.

The mode of decreasing our
bullion fund by transfer letters, or on any
order not countersigned by the Register and
Secretary of the Treasury does not appear to
be included in your instructions,

Presuming however, that the
action of the Treasurer is technically correct
I have carefully complied with his requests in
all cases; but beg to ask for such instructions,
from you as will cover transfer letters as well
as orders.

Very respectfully.
W. L. Foote.
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

April 12th 1879.

Sir;

Inclosed please find Superintendents check
No 14,010. on Asst Treasurer U. S. New Orleans for
$82.83 being net value of Silver bullion received
for your account at this Mint. on the 9th inst.

Very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

W. W. T. Adams.
Ringgi. Miss.

April 14th 1879.

Hon R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

In response to your communication of the 10th inst, calling my attention to the letter transmitted from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to the use of counting boards, I have the honor to say that immediately on the reception of your said communication, I referred the same, with the letter of Mr. Dunbar to our Coiner Mr. Davis, for such remarks as he might choose to make thereupon. These remarks you will find inclosed herewith, and you will, of course, give such consideration to the same as you may deem appropriate.

Regarding that such a serious difference of opinion upon a practical question should occur between two gentlemen of such experience and skill in all matters connected with the business of coining — a matter concerning which I must frankly confess that I have myself no adequate knowledge — I have judged it proper to lay before you the letter of Mr. Davis, and the reasons upon which he bases his opinion, in order that you may give such directions touching the question involved as you may consider necessary.

I suppose that for the present that it will be best to take the course suggested by Mr. Davis who will doubtless look into the matter thoroughly before he decides finally upon the proper action for him to take in the premises.

Very respectfully.
N. S. Foote.
Superintendent.

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April 14th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Remit receipt No 225. for 249.60/100 ounces silver bullion, received by express for your a/c't today. Upon the return of the receipt duly endorsed, a draft will be sent you as requested.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Wm. Joseph Zimmern.
Livingston, Ala.

April 14th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Remit receipt No 226. for $16.30/100 ounces silver received at this Remit today for your account.

Upon the return of this receipt duly endorsed the value of your deposit converted in Exchange on New York will be sent you.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Miss E. N. Peterson.
Union Springs, Ala

April 15th 1879.

Sir:

Referring to Department Circular No 44. series of 1879, relative to the discontinuance of official postage stamps after the first of next prox. and the substitution of envelopes prepaid according to law. I have to ask for instructions in the matter of registered letters. As all official

stamps are to be returned to the Department and the account closed. I can see no provision for the payment of registered letters an expenditure out of the contingent-fund may be authorized for such a purpose.

very respectfully.

H. S. Foote.

Superintendent.

Hon H. C. Burchard.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

April 15th. 1869.

Sir:

Inclosed, please find Mint-receipt No. 228. for 125.30 ounces silver Bullion received by Express today for your account.

Upon return of this receipt, duly indorsed, a check for the value of the bullion will be sent you,

very respectfully.

T. G. Hoey.

Chief Clerk.

Wm. John T. Kerr.

Mobile, Ala.

April 15th. 1869.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 12th. calling attention to certain defects in the reports of the coinage statement of this Mint, I beg leave to say:

The defect complained of had been noted by the Cashier, who, however, found no appropriate place on the forms of blanks furnished from your office, upon which to enter payments

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upon transfer orders and letters. Nor is there any on the red blank to show how much of the balance reported on hand consists of coin in the Mint vaults and how much of a credit in the Sub treasury. Taking the two reports together, however, the true balance to each fund noted always be found.

I inclose herewith correct statements of the coinage, and the condition of the bullion fund for standard silver dollars.

Hereafter, the amount paid out on the orders of the Treasurer, as well as that for payments to depositors will be carefully noted on the daily reports.

very respectfully,

R. S. Forte.

Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D. C.

April 16th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt-No 229. for 10426.60 ounces silver bullion, received at this Mint to-day, from Wm. G. Bailey, of Brownsville. Texas, with instructions from him to hold the proceeds subject to your order. The value will be ascertained at once by weight and assay, and the money will be ready for you on Saturday, 19th inst.

very respectfully

C. G. Tracy.

Chief Clerk.

Messrs. A Alvin & Co.

17 Decatur St.,

New Orleans.

La.

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April 17th 1879.

Gents:

Inclosed please find Mint receipt No 238 for 142.90 ounces silver bullion received by Express to-day for your account, from L. H. Jones, of Baldwin Miss.

The proceeds will be paid to your order on or after Monday next.

very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Flash Bros.
44 Canal Street,
New Orleans.

April 18th 1879.

Gents:

Acknowledging receipt of your communication of the 14th. I beg leave to say in reply:

This Mint receives all silver bullion including Mexican dollars that is offered and pays the owners at a rate established from time to time by the Treasury Department in Washington. The present purchasing rate is $1.09. per ounce pure fine.

This makes a Mexican dollar of full weight and fineness, worth about 86 4/10. cents. The Mint pays in Standard dollars either in coin or a check on the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at New Orleans, at the option of the owner of the bullion.

You will thus perceive that one hundred dollars in Mexican Coin will realize about $85.40 less fifty cents mint charge.

You may send bullion direct to the Mint by Express, or consign it to some City Correspondent.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Dillon & Hall,
Knox, Limestone County
Texas

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Gentlemen;

I inclose herein duplicate bill for certain acid furnished the assayer Department of this Mint by you in March. Payment has been ~~delayed~~ by error in supposing that the articles had been ordered through the department at Washington in which case the settlement of the account would have been made by the Director of the Mint.

Upon the return of the papers, receipted under your own hand, a sight draft for the amount will be mailed you without delay.

very respectfully.
N. J. Foote.
Superintendent.

Messrs Powers & Weightman.
S. W. Cor. Ninth & Parrish Sts.
Philadelphia, Penn.

April 18th. 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendents check No 14.015. on Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New Orleans, for $168.31 ~~ting~~ proceeds of 172. ozs. silver bullion received from Mr. W.m. S. Lozey, and sent you by his order. The memorandum attached is for the information of the owner of the bullion.

very respectfully.
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

N. R. Smith Esq.
Canton. Miss.

April 17th 1879.

Sir:

Your letter to the Superintendent, dated the 17th inst, is received. In reply, I am directed by him to say:

Under the Coinage law, private parties are not allowed to have their silver bullion coined for their own account. In lieu of this, however, the Mint purchases all silver bullion offered and pays for it in standard silver dollars. The present rate paid for silver is $1.09. per ounce for fine, $500. in Mexican coin would realize about $1.27 1/2 in United States Coin, less the Mint charge of fifty cents and the freight by Express from Humboldt. A Superintendents Check on the State Treasurer of the U.S. at New Orleans, or if you so order the value may be invested in New York Exchange, which, today, is quoted at 1/4 % premium.

Very respectfully,

J. G. Tracy,

Chief Clerk.

Wm. L. B. Wright.

Humboldt. Tenn.

April 18th 1879.

Hon Don A Pardee,

Judge Second Judicial Dist Court.

New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I have the honor to request you to excuse from attendance on the jury of your Court, Wm. Webb, an employe of this Mint, and whose services I deem indispensable.

I would be willing to waive the exemption granted by law to employés of this

Mint L Rev Stat 2126) in any case where the interest of the public service were not involved but in this instance my duty as Superintendent leaves me no other alternative.

Hoping you may excuse the favor without detriment to the progress of the business of the Court, or inconvenience to yourself.

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,
N. J. Foote.
Superintendent.

April 19th 1879.

Sir:

Inclosed please find Superintendents check No 14,016. on Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, for $122.46/100 being the proceeds of a deposit of 125.30 ounces silver Bullion received at this Mint for your account on the 15th instant

Also, memorandum of the result of weighing and assaying the silver and showing the Mint charge &c.

very respectfully,
J. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Wm. John T. Kerr,
S F & Co Common St.
Mobile, Alabama

April 19th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find sight draft No 126,495, drawn by the Germania National Bank of New Orleans, on the Fourth National Bank of New York, Your favor for $1685.82/100 sent you by mail in

of your Brownsville house.

Very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blomberg & Raphael.
172 & 174 Church St.
New York city.

April 19th 1879.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith please find memorandum of value realized from the contents of two bags silver bullion received at this Mint for your account on the 10th inst per Steamship Arauca from Brazos Santiago, and receipted freight bill of the Morgan line, to which is added 15cts for cartage for porter.

Also, duplicate bill of exchange on New York for $1685.62½ being the proceeds of $1689.75 in Standard Silver dollars invested in Exchange.

The original draft has been mailed to your New York house according to your instructions.

Very respectfully.
F. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

Messrs Blomberg & Raphael.
Brownsville,
Texas.

April 21st 1879.

Sir:

I am directed by the Superintendent to inform you that the recommendation of increase of pay of certain employés in your department, of date March 7th ult has received due consideration and been favorably referred to the Department, the con-

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formation of the several persons named in your letter has been fixed at the rates hereinto annexed to take effect from the 1st. inst.

Louis Leclerc increased from $3 to $3.20 per diem
John Hanly, fixed at $3. per diem as at present.
Michael Brady increased from $2.25 to $2.50 per diem
W. T. Tiedeman " 2.25 " 2.50 " "
E. B. O'Neil " 2.00 " $2.25 " "
James Parker " 2.00 " 2.25 " "

Very respectfully.
C. G. Tracy Chief Clerk

Dr. W. F. Bonzano.
Melter & Refiner.
U. S. Mint.

Dr. W. A. Davis,
Coiner U. S. Mint.

April 19th 1879.

Sir:

The following is an extract copied from a letter of the Director of the 14th inst, for your information

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"The appointment of the following named ladies as adjusters is hereby approved as temporary appointments, the same to be suspended if the work at the Mint does not increase sufficiently to justify their continuance. viz"

Mrs. Adela R. Harris at $1.00 per diem
Miss Kate Lee " " " "
Mrs. Louise Clark " " " "
Mrs. Florence C. Norris " " " "
Mrs. Anna Catell " " " "
Miss Susan Kundert " " " "
Mrs. Annie Hill " " " "
Mrs. A Standard " " " "

The following promotions and transfers are hereby approved at the rates hereinafter specified viz:

A Hunter Jr. promoted to Foreman of Coining room and compensation increased from $3. to $3.25 per diem.

Jules Gouzy promoted to Adjuster of scales and compensation fixed as at present $3.25 per diem.

Auge Palms promoted to Foreman of machinists and compensation fixed as at present $3.50 per diem

Jno W. Donellan promoted to have charge of Milling & Selecting and compensation increased to $3.00 per diem

Jno McCue, promoted to Foreman of Rolls and compensation increased to $3.00 per diem.

Jacob Kundert promoted to Foreman of Cleaners and compensation increased to $3 per diem.

A. J. Black, Machinist compensation increased from $2 to $2.25 per diem.

A. S. Hebert, Machinist, compensation increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per diem

A. J Redmond, Asst Engineer, compensation increased from $2.25 to 2.50 per diem

D. Magrouine, Workman, compensation increased from $2 to 2.50 per diem.

Emile Imary, Workman, compensation increased from $2 to 2.50

Mat Bergert, Workman, compensation increased from 2.25 to 2.50 per diem and transferred to Genl Department

Very Respectfully
T. G. Tracy.
Chief Clerk.

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Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that a-greeably to your recommendation the following named workmen and employes in your depa-artment have been transferred to the Jeneal Department, and will hereafter be paid on the Superintendents rolls:

John F. Kelly, Engineer,
John Donovan, Fireman
Thos. Freeman, Blacksmith.
Michael Bengert do
Fred K Schuber Carpenter
A Pepercorn do

Also the following promotions and increase of compensation, to take effect from the 1st inst.

Chas M. Strong, transferred from counter to cutter, and compensation increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per day.

Very Respectfully
T. L. Brady
Chief Clerk

Wm. M. V. Davis.
Courier U. S. Mint.
New Orleans. La.

April 21st 1879.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst calling attention to the omission of vouchers for petty expenses of this Mint for March. I have the honor to say, that the Cashier and the clerks who assisted him in making up the packages

are under the impression that these vouchers were included, The duplicate bills were duly filed in the proper place here where they yet remain, The originals cannot be found after a protracted search.

If you deem it necessary, these bills, eighteen in number, can be reproduced upon making application for that purpose to the payees; or we can send you those on file in this Mint. These latter are all in proper form and intact.

Referring to pay rolls which you return in a bad condition, I have to say that the marring was occasioned by an error in the assay Department in the matter of the time of the employees, This mistake was not discovered until after Mr. Outebridge a special employee, whose name was borne on the assayers' roll, had drawn his pay, signed the roll and departed for Philadelphia, pursuant to instructions from your office, As it was impracticable to recall him for his signature to a new pay roll, the assayer decided to utilize the old one, with a result not more satisfactory to him than to yourself. He assures me that he will endeavor to avoid a repetition of the matter complained of,

Very respectfully
N. S. Boyte
Superintendent.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

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April 21st 1879

Gentlemen,

Inclosed please find Express receipt (duplicate) for one box containing one thousand dollars, in standard silver dollars, sent you by order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,
T. G. Tracy,
Chief Clerk.

Woodstock Iron Co.
Anniston, Ala.

April 22nd 1879.

Sir:

As I am of the opinion that a small sum of money could be judiciously expended in putting the grounds around this Mint, in order, but at the same time have some doubts whether such expenditure would meet your approval; I have therefore to request your authority for the outlay necessary for the purpose.

As the City has donated to the government the square of ground upon which the Mint is located, it may without impropriety be expected that we should keep it in such a condition as would accord with the dignity of the gift.

An outlay of about $200. would be sufficient, to be expended for young plants, seeds and ornamental trees. Most of the labor could be performed by the men employed in other duties, when not regularly occupied, so that no additional expense for that item would be necessary beyond that required for an experienced gardener to over-

work
look the for a few days.

very respectfully
N. S. Foote
Superintendent.

Hon Horatio Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

April 22nd 1879

Gentlemen;

Inclosed please find duplicate Express receipt for one box containing one thousand standard silver dollars sent you by order of the Treasurer of the United States.

Please acknowledge receipt.

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy.

Messrs Spratt & French.
Aberdeen, Miss.

April 23rd 1879

Sir:

The following copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint is herewith transmitted for your information

very respectfully
T. G. Tracy
Chief Clerk.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano.
Melter and Refiner
U.S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

The Mint of the United States
at Philadelphia, Pa
April 15th 1879

Sir!

I have the honor to report the following result of the assay of standard silver dollars coined at the New Orleans Mint, in the current month, and sent for special assay according to par. 9. p. 24. of Instructions. I inclose a standard dollar to replace the one sent-

Weight, 412.5 grains
Fineness, 898 3/4 by two assays
Contains gold, 1/2 thousandth.

Very respectfully
C. Lowden Knowden
Superintendent

Hon H. S. Foote,
Supt U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.